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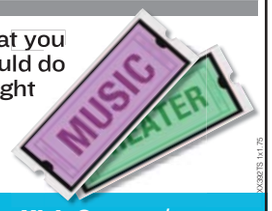

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Market Debuts Near White House

FIRST CUSTOMER: Michelle Obama shops at a farmers market that launched blocks from the White House Thursday. While not officially connected to the Obamas, the market on Vermont Avenue had the backing of the first lady, who was one of about 300 shoppers to brave the drizzling rain in search of fresh produce. Among Obama's purchases were eggs, cheese and fingerling potatoes.

Missile Shield Is Scrapped

Obama abruptly alters course on Bush-era plan for Europe

WASHINGTON | President Obama abruptly canceled a long-planned missile shield for Eastern Europe Thursday, replacing a Bush-era project bitterly opposed by Russia with a plan he said would better defend against a growing threat of Iranian missiles.

The United States will no longer seek to erect a missile base and radar site in Poland and the Czech Republic, poised at Russia's hemline. That change is bound to please the Russians, who never accepted U.S. arguments that the shield was intended strictly as a defense against Iran and other "rogue states."

Scrapping the planned shield, however, means upending agreements with the host countries that had cost those allies political support among their own people. A team of senior diplomats and others flew to Europe to lay out the new plan.

The replacement system would link smaller radar systems with a network of sensors and missiles that could be deployed at sea or on land. Some of the weaponry and sensors are ready now, and the rest would be developed over the next 10 years. (AP)

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CAR SALES

Blue Book Value Was Much Higher

Fresno, Calif., authorities arrested a man they said tried to trade his father's car for $50 worth of crack cocaine. Deputies arrested the 39-year-old man at about 4 a.m. Wednesday after his 74-year-old father reported that his Lincoln had been stolen. When deputies arrived at the father's home, they saw the son walking up the street. They determined that the car had been sold for drugs. (AP)

LETTERS

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Bad grammar and spelling tripped up a man who was trying to steal Social Security numbers and other information from job seekers by impersonating West Virginia's governor, police said. Matthew Don Reed hatched a complicated plan that culminated in letters purportedly from Gov. Joe Manchin. The letters lacked the governor's seal and were riddled with misspellings and grammatical errors, which raised suspicions. (AP)

AFTON ALMARAZ/AP

PIE

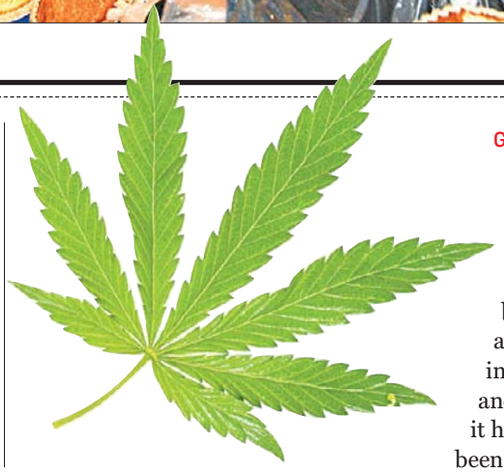
Great Taste; Yes, Filling

Dressed in hooded plastic ponchos, 270 screaming people broke the record for the world's largest custard pie fight Thursday on ABC'S "Live With Regis and Kelly." The prior record was 253 participants. For every pie thrown, $10 was given to the Meals on Wheels Association of America. (AP)

GIRL POWER

"My classmates were amazed. They didn't think I was serious about going gator hunting."

— **CAMMIE COLIN** OF WHITE KNOLL, S.C. THE 16-YEAR-OLD CHEERLEADER FELLED A 353-POUND ALLIGATOR WITH A CROSSBOW — AT NIGHT.



GREENERY

Hey, That's Not a Fern!

Police confirmed that the odd-looking plants they pulled last week from a flower basket on High Street in Millville, N.J., were indeed marijuana. The plants were discovered by a passer-by. Police responded to the scene with a ladder and confiscated the 3-foot-tall plants, which were growing in a basket hanging from a lamp post. The city's parks and recreation department, which tends to the baskets, says it has no idea how the pot plants got there. No arrests have been made yet. (AP)

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Lab Tech Charged in Yale Death

Man worked in same building as graduate student Annie Le

NEW HAVEN, CONN. | As police charged a Yale animal lab technician with murdering a graduate student who worked in his building, a portrait began to emerge Thursday of a stickler for the rules who often clashed with others.

Clark

Police charged 24-year-old Raymond Clark III with murder, arresting him at a motel a day after taking DNA samples to compare with evidence from the crime scene at Yale's medical school.

Clark is charged in the death of 24-year-old Annie Le, a pharmacology doctoral student at Yale who vanished Sept. 8. Her body was discovered five days later — her wedding day — stuffed into a utility compartment behind a wall in the basement of the research building where she and Clark worked.

Authorities offered no details about the crime Thursday. (AP)

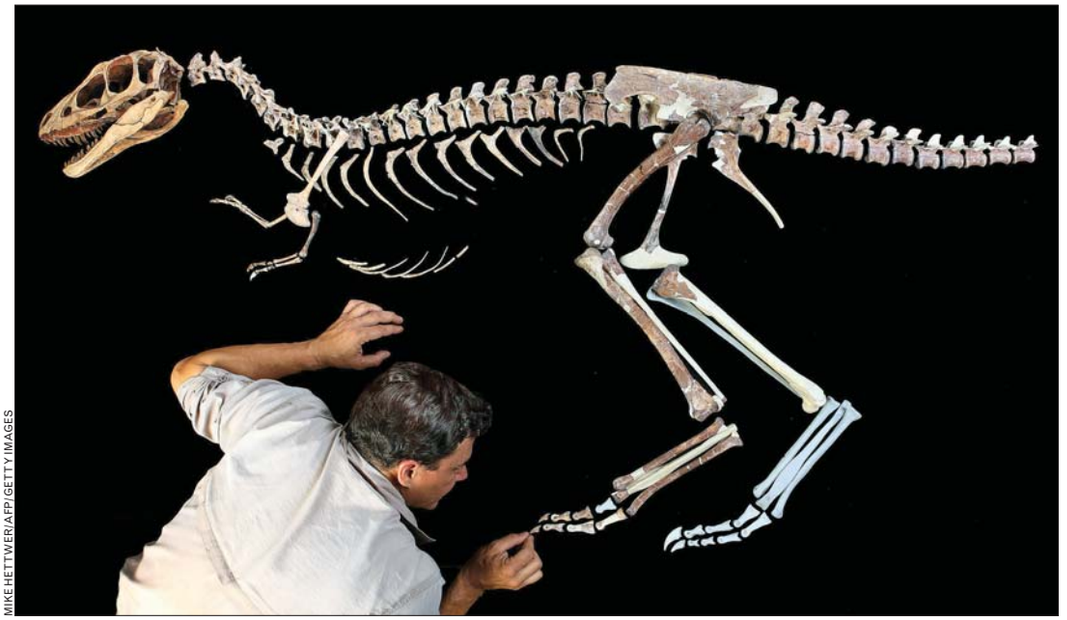
Pint-Size T. Rex Stuns Scientists

Fossil turns accepted evolutionary history of animal on its head

WASHINGTON | Tyrannosaurus rex had a pint-size precursor, remarkably similar in appearance but no heavier than a human, according to a new report from a team of scientists. The creature was what Austin Powers might call T. rex's Mini-Me.

The new animal, based on a single fossil smuggled out of China and eventually sold to a private collector, has been named Raptorex — which means "king raptor." It lived 125 million years ago in a lake-dotted region of northern China.

Raptorex had a huge head, tiny forelimbs and a body built for sprinting, just like T. rex. But this fossil is of a young adult dinosaur, nearly full grown, that was only 8 feet from snout to tip of tail, compared to 40 feet for an adult T. rex, according to a paper published Thursday in the online version of the journal Science. It would have weighed only 150 pounds.



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University of Chicago paleontologist Paul Sereno adds a toe claw to a preserved skeleton of the T. rex's precursor, Raptorex.

This scrambles the picture of mega-predator evolution and raises the question of whether other jumbo dinosaurs had budget-sized versions.

The orthodoxy in paleontology has been that T. rex got its peculiar body shape — colossal head, powerful jaws and comically short forelimbs — as a side effect of evolving into a giant animal. The small arms have been seen as a trade-off for the big head.

Raptorex, however, shows that having the jaws as the first line of attack rather than the forelimbs worked for bodies at the much smaller scale, and tens of millions of years earlier than T. rex's giant phase.

"What we're looking at is a blueprint for a fast-running set of jaws," said University of Chicago paleontologist Paul Sereno. "This animal really changes the way we look at all tyrannosaur evolution."

JOEL ACHENBACH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

CARS Coincidence Adds Humor to Awful Events An Ohio man said it was a "wild" day when he and his wife were struck by a car while crossing a street and then had their own car stolen while they were in the hospital. Gregory Moses's knee was busted when he and his wife were hit as they walked across an intersection in Sandusky, Ohio, Monday. Judith Moses suffered a few bruises. They still weren't home Tuesday morning when their son discovered their 2002 Buick LeSabre was missing from the driveway. Authorities found the car in Cleveland. (AP)

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Gulp! Man Inhaled Piece of Utensil

Docs remove plastic fragment lodged in lung for two years

RALEIGH, N.C. | Doctors say a North Carolina man who was plagued with coughing fits should be OK now that they have removed a 1-inch piece of plastic from his lung, where it had rested since he apparently inhaled it nearly two years ago while drinking a soft drink at a Wendy's restaurant.

Doctors at Duke University Medical Center say the plastic fragment of an eating utensil was likely to blame for the coughing, fatigue and pneumonia spells that plagued John Manley for almost two years.

DUKE MEDICINE/AP

This piece of plastic was removed from John Manley's lung during a Sept. 10 surgery.

They pulled the fast-food foreign object from Manley's left lung during a Sept. 10 surgery. The 50-year-old Wilmington resident said he probably inhaled it while gulping a drink from Wendy's.

"I like to take big gulps of drink," Manley said.

Manley said he and his wife were puzzled by his bouts of illness after moving to the North Carolina coastal city from Queens, N.Y., about two years ago.

Manley's case eventually came to the attention of Dr. Momen Wahidi, director of interventional pulmonology at Duke. Wahidi said he still remembers his staff's amazement in the operating room when they pulled it out.

"We're looking at it and realizing that there are letters on it ... We started reading out loud, 'A-M-B-U-R-G-E-R,' and realized it spelled, 'hamburgers.'

"Everybody was shocked. We had no clue why something that said, 'hamburgers' would be in someone's lung," he said. (AP)

Speaker: Health Debate Similar To '70s Clashes

WASHINGTON | House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Thursday that the rhetoric over President Obama's health care effort is concerning because it reminds her of the violent debate over gay rights that roiled San Francisco in the 1970s.

Pelosi

Anyone voicing hateful or violent rhetoric must take responsibility for the results, she said.

"I have concerns about some of the language that is being used because I saw this myself in the late '70s in San Francisco," Pelosi said. "This kind of rhetoric was very frightening" and created a climate in which violence took place, she said. (AP)

12K **THE AMOUNT PAID** at an auction Thursday for a 1966 magazine signed by John Lennon containing his remark that the Beatles were more popular than Jesus. In the issue of "Datebook," Lennon said: "Christianity will go. It will vanish and shrink. I needn't argue about that; I'm right, and I will be proved right. We're more popular than Jesus now." The comment provoked an outpouring of anti-Beatles sentiment in the U.S. (AP)

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A U.S. couple convicted of human trafficking hold a photo of a baby in Cairo.

CAIRO

Two U.S. Couples Convicted Of Human Trafficking

Two American couples who say they were trying to adopt children in Egypt were convicted of human trafficking and sentenced to two years in prison Thursday in a case that highlighted the murky process for adopting in this predominantly Muslim country. Islamic law observed in Egypt bans Muslims from adopting children, in the name of maintaining clear bloodlines. (AP)

SAN'A, YEMEN

Strike Kills 87 Civilians

About 87 civilians were killed in a strike by government warplanes that hit a camp of people fleeing fighting in northern Yemen, a tribal leader said Thursday. It was a sign of increasing bloodiness in a remote war against Shiite rebels in this turmoil-ridden Arab nation. (AP)

Eastern Europe-U.S. Ties Loosen

Reversal on defense shield viewed as sign of declining relations

PRAGUE | Scuttling a missile defense shield in the Czech Republic and Poland helps smooth relations between the United States and Russia. But at what price?

Some of America's staunchest allies are the East Europeans — and on Thursday, they expressed dismay at what many see as a slight after decades of support for the U.S.

Among them were some famous names, including Lech Walesa, the former Solidarity leader and Polish ex-president. "I can see what kind of policy the Obama administration is pursuing toward this part of Europe," he said, adding: "The way we are being approached needs to change."

For most of the past decade, cozy relations with Washington were practically a given across the "new Europe." Ex-president George W. Bush famously courted the region after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

President Obama took office undecided about Bush's plan to base 10 interceptor missiles in Poland and sophisticated radar in the Czech Republic — a system designed to shoot down long-range missiles that might be fired from Iran.

Since then, Obama has reached out to Russia, which had expressed outrage at the notion of missiles being pointed in its direction.

Obama's decision Thursday to shift the plan from Eastern Europe to other locations got a positive reception in Russia. Officially, Czech leaders said they understood why the shield was abandoned.

But some, including former Czech prime minister Mirek Topolanek, were upset about the reversal. Poland's prime minister held out hope his country might play a role in the revamped U.S. defense.

KAREL JANICEK AND WILLIAM J. KOLE (AP)

PETR DAVID JOSEK/AP

A protester walks in a 2007 march in Prague against U.S. plans to base a missile defense radar system in the Czech Republic. Obama scrapped the plan Thursday.

FULL SPECTRUM

Reactions to Obama's decision to scrap plans for a defense shield in Eastern Europe were mixed.

DISAPPOINTING NEWS

"**The Americans** are not interested in this territory as they were before. It's bad news for the Czech Republic."

—**MIREK TOPOLANEK**, EX-CZECH PM

NOT A HUGE LOSS

"**There is a chance** for strengthening Europe's security with special attention given to Poland. I would not describe what is going on today as a defeat for Poland."

—**DONALD TUSK**, POLISH PM

MAJOR VICTORY

"**We are happy** that we will be able to continue to live in our beautiful country without the presence of foreign soldiers."

—**JAN TAMAS**, CZECH ACTIVIST WHO PROTESTED AGAINST THE PLANS

MIRTH **Astronauts, You've Been Warned** The man who plans on being "the first clown in space" said Thursday he has some surprises planned for the crew of the international space station. Cirque du Soleil founder Guy Laliberte said he plans to tickle the professional astronauts while they're sleeping, and he's bringing red clown noses to try to lighten up the mood on the orbiting station. "I'm a person with a pretty high spirit who's there to crack jokes. ... While they're sleeping, you know, I'll be tickling them," Laliberte said. (AP)

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Indonesia's police chief shows fingerprints confirming a terror figure's death.

Raid Kills Key Asian Militant

Indonesian forces track down terrorist tied to Bali bombings

SOLO, INDONESIA | Special forces raided a hideout Thursday and killed militant mastermind Noordin Muhammed Top, striking at the heart of the terrorist network behind a deadly campaign of suicide attacks in Indonesia, including the Bali nightclub bombings.

Noordin

It was the latest success against terror figures worldwide, starting with a U.S. missile that took out a key Taliban commander in Pakistan last month.

Besides knocking out Southeast Asia's most-wanted man, Thursday's operation also netted a fugitive bombmaker believed to have designed explosives for twin suicide bombings at luxury hotels in Jakarta in July.

A charismatic figure and feared regional leader of al-Qaeda with links to Osama bin Laden, Noordin had eluded capture for more than seven years. He was tracked down at a house in Java, a breeding ground for militant Islam, where an overnight siege and gunfight ended at dawn with an explosion.

ANTHONY DEUTSCH AND IMRON ROSYID (AP)

Bomber Kills 16 in Afghan Capital

Six Italian soldiers, 10 civilians die in Taliban suicide blast

KABUL | A suicide car bomber killed six Italian soldiers and 10 Afghan civilians Thursday in the heavily guarded capital of Kabul — a grim reminder of the Taliban's reach amid political uncertainty in Afghanistan.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the deadliest attack for Italians in the country.

Violence has increased since the U.S. sent thousands more troops to push back the resurgent Taliban and bolster security for last month's still-unresolved presidential election. The Taliban made good on threats to disturb the vote, and militant attacks have risen not just in the group's southern heartland but also in the north and in Kabul.

The bomber rammed his explosives-filled car into two Italian military vehicles in a convoy about midday. The explosion shattered windows in buildings about half a mile away and shook offices and homes throughout the central Afghan neighborhood that houses embassies and military bases.

Charred vehicles littered the road just off a traffic circle near to the airport. AMIR SHAH AND HEIDI VOGT (AP)

SHAH MARAI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

An Afghan man carries his injured son after a suicide blast in Kabul on Thursday. The bomber rammed an explosives-filled car into two Italian military vehicles.

Insurgent Strike On AU Base in Somalia Kills 16

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA | Islamic insurgents posing as U.N. personnel detonated suicide car bombs in an African Union peacekeeping base Thursday to avenge a U.S. commando raid that killed an al-Qaeda operative.

Witnesses and officials said the bombings and a counter-strike from the AU base killed at least 16 people, including four bombers.

The sophisticated suicide attack underscored links between al-Qaeda's terror network and Somalia's homegrown insurgency. Many fear this lawless African nation is becoming a haven for al-Qaeda. (AP)

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Gov. Candidates Clash in Debate

McDonnell, Deeds spar on jobs, taxes, transportation in Va.

Virginia's gubernatorial hopefuls, Democrat R. Creigh Deeds and Republican Bob McDonnell, clashed repeatedly Thursday on a variety of issues including jobs, transportation and taxes in their second debate of the general election campaign — a face-off that was combative almost from the minute the two men stepped on stage.

Deeds stepped up his attacks on McDonnell, bringing up McDonnell's 20-year-old graduate thesis time and time again, and accusing him of opposing working women, abortion and birth control.

"My opponent in his years in the legislature and as attorney general never wrote a bill to create a job or expand an educational opportunity," Deeds said.

JAHI CHIKWENDIU/TWP

Virginia gubernatorial candidates Republican Bob McDonnell, left, and Democrat R. Creigh Deeds shake hands at the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce Thursday.

"Instead, he's been focused on a narrow band of social issues and social agenda."

McDonnell vigorously criticized Deeds for supporting multiple tax increases and big spending while continuing to try to tie him to Washington.

"My opponent has been the biggest spender in the General Assembly last year with over a billion dollars in new spending," McDonnell said. "He's voted for $3.5 billion in tax increases even in tough economic times."

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The number of percentage points by which McDonnell leads Deeds, according to the latest Rasmussen poll.

The candidates sparred over health care, oil drilling and gun control but spent much of the time talking about transportation in front of the Northern Virginia business crowd at the Capital One Complex in McLean.

McDonnell criticized Deeds for not having a specific funding plan for transportation in a state that has been searching for money for roads and bridges for years. Deeds has pledged to come up with a statewide, long-term solution in his first year in office but has offered no details.

ANITA KUMAR AND ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Sept. 17

DISTRICT

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Mid-day DC 4	5-0-9-6
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	9-4-7-6
Mid-day D.C. Five	6-8-2-6-9
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	9-0-5-3-1
Daily 6 (Wed.)	6-7-12-13-20-29 (37)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	7-16-17-22-28 (9)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	8-2-0
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	7-2-6
Mid-day Pick 4	3-3-7-7
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	3-1-0-0
Match 5 (Wed.)	3-4-11-15-27 (16)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	9-28-29-31-35-38

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	2-8-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-5-0
Mid-day Pick 4	1-1-2-5
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	5-3-9-9
Mid-day Cash 5	5-9-22-27-31
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	1-5-6-24-32
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ANYONE WHO THINKS Baltimore cuisine begins and ends with crab cakes doesn't have a sweet tooth — or has somehow managed to get through life without ever taking a bite of a Berger Cookie, Charm City's most legendary dessert and a perfectly legitimate reason for swinging by **LEXINGTON MARKET** (400 W. Lexington St.), where they're sold by the pound. "What's not to like about shortbread and chocolate frosting?" asks Deborah Robinson, a 53-year-old lawyer who devotes her free time to chronicling the spread of sugar in her hometown with the blog B More Sweet (Bmoresweet.blogspot.com).

Just about the only correct answer to that question is that it might spoil your appetite before you're able to fully explore Baltimore's rich dessert culture. Classics such as lemon sticks (half a lemon stabbed with a porous peppermint stick you can suck on, available at the **OASIS** stand in the Inner Harbor food court for $1.41) and snowballs (akin to Italian ice, but better) have been joined in recent years by modern can't-miss treats.

And sometimes the two even intersect, like with a slice of Baltimore Bomb from **DANGEROUSLY DELICIOUS PIES** (1036 Light St., 410-522-7437; Dangerouspies.com). "It's basically Berger Cookies combined with a buttermilk chess pie," explains owner Rodney Henry, who started baking to help fund his rock band habit and realized his true calling was in fact hot licks — with a flaky crust. A sign outside his Federal Hill hangout welcomes visitors with the boast, "Damn Fine Pie." Inside is what Henry calls a "pie dive": Tatted-up employees sling sweet and savory slices at a bar decked out with art devoted to Elvis and rock show posters.

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"To me, there is no pie other than Dangerously Delicious Pie," Robinson vows. "I would eat there three times a day, seven days a week." Except, of course, when she wants cake. Then she turns to a woman many folks refer to simply as "Winston's mom."

Food Network viewers know Duff Goldman as the "Ace of Cakes," but the gonzo chef and his jolly band of fondant virtuosos from Charm City Cakes have some competition in town in the form of this gray-haired granny. And unlike with Goldman, getting her baked goods doesn't demand ordering months in advance. It just requires going to a neighborhood most Washingtonians probably have never heard of — Hamilton.

That's where Paige Zeigler's son Winston Blick and his wife, Cristin Dadant, opened **CLEMENTINE** (5402 Harford Road, 410-444-1497; Bmoreclementine.com) a year and a half ago. They knew their plan to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner; craft their own charcuterie (pâtés, sausages, butters and rillettes) and comestibles (dressings, sauces, pickled veggies; jams and syrups) and cater was going to be a huge undertaking. "So, I told them I'd do whatever I could to help," Zeigler, 64, says. They gave her two jobs: baby-sitting their son and making desserts for the place.

LAWRENCE LUK

Paige Zeigler, right, with her four best creations: three slices of her cake and her son, Clementine chef-owner Winston Blick.

She accepted both assignments, even though she had no restaurant experience. "Anyone who likes to bake has the idea to open a bakery in the back of their heads," she says. The experiment worked; within a few weeks, people were flocking to the dining room specifically for her wares, and her cakes ($50 each) were getting specially ordered whole.

Every day, Zeigler makes sure the restaurant is stocked with brownies, chocolate-chip cookies and key lime pie, along with three of her now-legendary cakes. On the current menu, diners face the tough decision of selecting among her old-fashioned coconut cake, a peanut butter-chocolate combo that's a gourmet take on Tastykake's Kandy Kakes, and golden cake with blueberries and "a bright, fresh lemon frosting." She grates lemons for hours, which you can sense in a single nibble. "Everything is fresh from scratch with the best butter you can buy. I make sure it's the way you would want to eat it," she says.

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Or, as Robinson puts it, "They're what your mother would turn out if she knew what she was doing."

While you're in the neighborhood, you'd better swing around the corner to **ONE SWEET MOMENT** (2914 Hamilton Ave., Onesweetmoment.com, open May 1-Sept. 30), which bills itself as having "Baltimore's best snowballs." This is not a claim one can make lightly, as snowballs are serious business in these parts.

To be clear, a snowball is not merely shaved ice. It's a particularly fluffy kind of ice, served in a cup, drenched in syrup and, ideally, covered with a creamy marshmallow topping. And at One Sweet Moment, which Althea Dietzel, 53, opened in 1993, the simple treat is given the reverence it deserves. "We do business from across town. People will drive 30 minutes, bypassing 10 other snowball stands and then wait in line," she says.

Here's why: There are seven sizes ranging from $0.75 to $4.25. There are three options for the amount of marshmallow topping. You can ask for extra syrup or add ice cream. And when it comes to flavors, be prepared to be overwhelmed. The menu lists more than 100 options, including blueberry cheesecake, plum, wine cooler and dulce de leche. But the No. 1 seller, and the true Baltimore classic, is egg custard.

Feeling full? Bet you have room for just one small cupcake — especially if it comes from an auto rickshaw. It's impossible to say no to the adorably blond Catherine Hamilton of **PERFECT CUPCAKES** (Perfectcupcakes.com), who drives her tricked-out wheels to Pier 5 of the Inner Harbor every weekend at 11:30 a.m. and starts hawking her treats, including the signature pink velvet (it's white cake and vanilla frosting dyed to Elle Woods' liking). Whatever you choose from the $2-each selection, you'd better not wait too long to decide. She stays put only until she sells out, usually around 6. You can special-order her goods, even in D.C., but don't expect Hamilton to take the cute car for a spin out of town. "It only goes 30 miles an hour," she says. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

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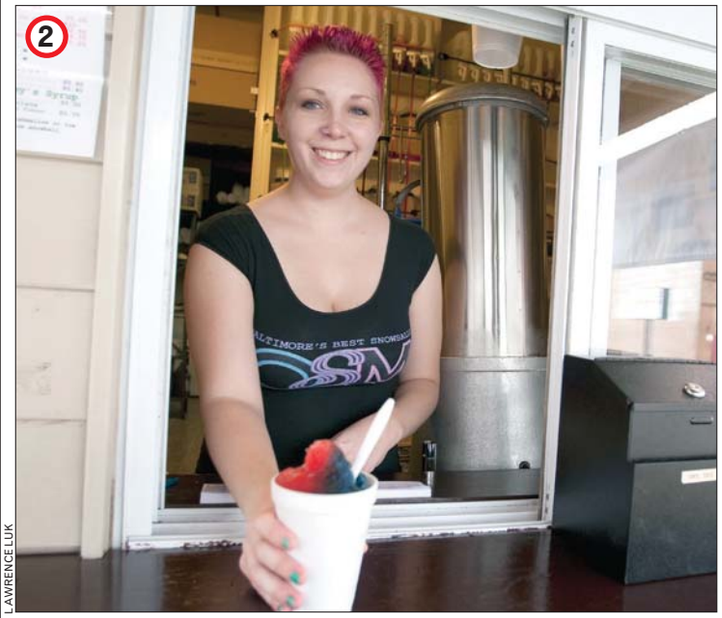

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1. Don't let the signature pie and crossbones scare you. The grub and the folks at Dangerously Delicious Pies are as sweet as they come, and as owner Rodney Henry says, "Pie brings people together." **2.** The snowball being thrust out of the window of One Sweet Moment is missing a key ingredient: marshmallow. But how else would you see that you can get two flavors in one cup? **3.** No trip to the Inner Harbor is complete without a stop at Perfect Cupcakes for a pink velvet cupcake.

SUGAR RUSH

One obvious question comes to mind after swallowing a spoonful of bourbon vanilla from **PITANGO** (1451 P St. NW, Pitangogelato.com), the new gelato purveyor in Logan Circle: "Where have you been all my life?" At least for the past two years, it's been in Fells Point, which may be a sign that Baltimore has D.C. licked when it comes to sweet stuff.

DANGEROUSLY DELICIOUS PIES is about to stake out a spot along H Street.

JAMES M. THRESHER/TWP

Pitango gelato is old news in Baltimore.

Owner Rodney Henry promises to be open by Nov. 1, although he's still working on a Washington counterpart to the Baltimore Bomb. "I'll get my R&D department on it," he jokes.

When he's in town, he can visit the Georgetown location of **PATISSERIE POUPON** (1645 Wisconsin Ave. NW), which is just 12 years old, compared to the 23-year-old Baltimore branch of the bakery. "I don't normally eat cake — at least in public. Their pastries are just so good, man," Henry says. And he may be happy to find out that the D.C. shop has a wider selection of goods, including savory options.

It's just the opposite with **VACCARO'S**, the Little Italy mainstay. While there are two D.C. locations (Union Station and 2000 Pennsylvania Ave. NW), the pastry counters pale in comparison to the lively café in Baltimore. But you can't go wrong taking the cannoli — ever. V.H.

The Continental Drift

Euro charm mingles with America cafes, shops and museums in Mount Vernon

A Frenchman (Pierre L'Enfant) designed D.C.'s avenues and circles to mimic Paris. But the most old-school European patch of the mid-Atlantic may be Baltimore's Mount Vernon, a townhouse-lined zone filled with so many statues, historic buildings and cobblestones that it often stands in for the City of Light in costume dramas.

Storied institutions such as the Peabody and the Walters Art Museum established the downtown 'hood as the city's cultural center in the 19th century. But the area isn't just for history buffs and architecture fiends: Its eclectic restaurant scene and boutiques mean it's loaded with modern pleasures, too.

Start at the MARC Train's Penn Station, a short trot north of the area's nexus. "Walking this area is a way of going back in time," says Gary Vikan, director of the Walters. "Mount Vernon is a wonderful flying ember of 19th-century upper-class living. If cars weren't parked here, I can imagine horses and me dressed in a top hat."

From the MARC Station, the Station North District's theaters and galleries cluster around the indie Charles Theatre movie house, while Mount Vernon stretches south along North Charles Street.

Swing by **CITY CAFÉ** (1001 Cathedral St.) a hip local hangout that's half coffee house, half mod bistro. Large corner windows hark back to the building's former life as a 1920s auto showroom; now you can fuel up with a cappuccino or a bakery treat. To sate your inner history geek, go down Cathedral to the **MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY** (201 W. Monument St.) to peek at Francis Scott Key's first draft of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

For a dose of free, open-air history, just stroll around the area and gawk at the architectural eye candy, in particular the stooped Victorian mansions radiating from Mount Vernon Place. Many were built for the upper crust in the 1830s, when fashionable folks flocked to the area after the 1827 chartering of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. "People wanted to get in on this new technology and became fabulously wealthy," says Lisa Keir, spokeswoman for the Maryland Humanities Council.

> "If cars weren't parked here, I can imagine horses and me dressed in a top hat."

The area's moneybags were also do-gooders who heaped cash into establishing a core class of cultural institutions such as the **WALTERS ART MUSEUM** (600 N. Charles St.). Think of it as B-more's mini-Louvre (but free!), crammed with 55 centuries' worth of artwork, including a second-century Roman sarcophagus said to look like Elvis. Down the street, the **CONTEMPORARY MUSEUM** (100 W. Centre St.) counters with modern exhibits.

No Parisian promenade would be complete without a crêpe. Mount Vernon's version: **DARLING SOFI'S CRÊPES** (333 N. Charles St.) just around the corner from the Women's Industrial Exchange, a shop selling handmade sock monkeys, kid's clothes and beaded jewelry whose profits support disadvantaged women.

After feasting and shopping, stroll the manicured pockets of green space hugging the nearby Washington Monument, Mount Vernon's take on the Eiffel Tower, both in role as icon and in-the-clouds cityscape vantage point if you're up for the winding 228-step vertical trek to the terrace.

MARGE ELY/EXPRESS

GILDED RAGE: Turn-of-the-last-century brownstones once occupied by "Age of Innocence"-era swells fill Mount Vernon, one of Baltimore's most historic 'hoods.

From the ground level or a window on high, marvel at the square's Gothic **MOUNT VERNON PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** (10 E. Mount Vernon Place) with a rose window much like the one you'd find at Notre Dame. For another wormhole to a bygone era, slip into the 1878 **GEORGE PEABODY LIBRARY** (17 E. Mount Vernon Place) with its cast-iron balconies and stacks of hard-covered tomes.

A couple blocks east, underground **RED EMMA** (800 St. Paul St.) fills a void as Left Bank-esque bookshop collective and vegetarian cafe. Peruse the stash of radical literature and zines, split in sections by you're-not-in-D.C. topics such as anarchy and Marxism/communism. Dissident fashion rules at the **DOLL HOUSE** (525 N. Charles St.; 443-874-7900), where edgy offerings of local designers share space with slashed-price couture.

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The Women's Industrial Exchange sells jewelry and crafts to benefit charity.

Come happy hour, hightail it to **BREWER'S ART** (1106 N. Charles St.) and order a $3.25 pint of the flavor-rich Resurrection Ale. For dinner, **THE HELMAND** (806 N. Charles St.; 410-752-0311) is a white-tablecloth Afghan restaurant owned by Hamid Karzai's brother.

For a nightcap that marries Paris and Mount Vernon elegance, end your jaunt at the Belvedere Hotel's tucked-away **OWL BAR** (1 E. Chase St.), a brick-walled den and ex-speakeasy where F. Scott Fitzgerald often drank. Toast to Mount Vernon, Baltimore's side of paradise. KATIE KNOROVSKY

STAY OVER

KIMPTONHOTELS

The Sleeping Car, Sort Of

Twentieth-century railroad barons must've enjoyed clocking in at downtown Baltimore's B&O Railroad building with its two-story marble staircases and Tiffany windows. Now, overnight visitors can glory in the 1906 high-rise's architectural wonders at the **HOTEL MONACO BALTIMORE** (2 N. Charles St.; 443-692-6170; Monacobaltimore.com). Guest rooms riff on the spot's well-traveled past (tables that look like steamer trunks, vintage photos of engines). But soaker tubs and a lobby decorated in paisleys and stripes announce that the place belongs in the modern era. The onsite B&O American Brasserie serves up way-beyond-Amtrak fare — fisherman's stew, flatbreads. All aboard, indeed. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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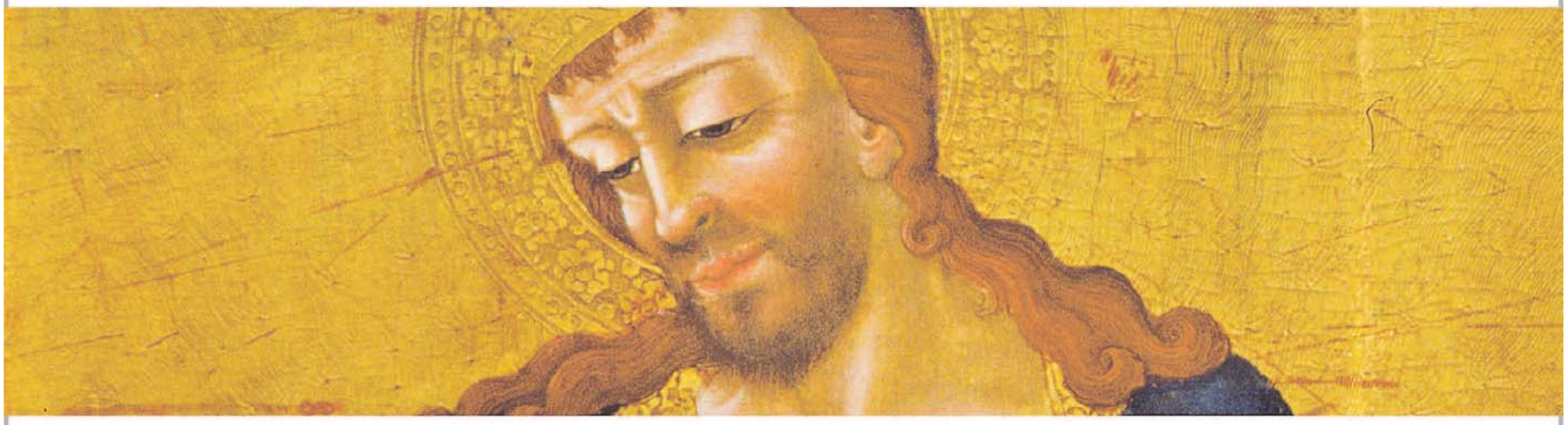

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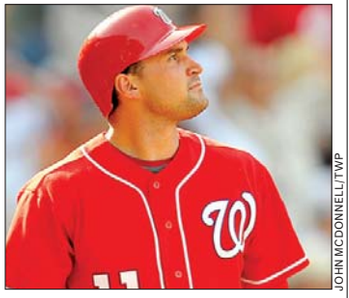

JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

Ryan Zimmerman and the Nats have a modest goal: Avoid losing 100 games.

friday

7:05 P.M. The O's take on Clay Buchholz as the Red Sox try to maintain their stranglehold on the AL wild-card spot. MASN

7:10 P.M. The Nats travel to New York to play the disappointing Mets in the first game of a three-game set. MASN2

saturday

1:10 P.M. The Nationals try to avoid triple digits in losses as they face the Mets. MASN

7:05 P.M. The Orioles face off against Boston's Jon Lester at Camden Yards. MASN

sunday

1 P.M. The Redskins try to rebound from their loss to the Giants in their home opener against the Rams. FOX

1:10 P.M. The Nationals finish up their three-game series with the Mets. MASN2

1:35 P.M. Daisuke Matsuzaka tries to regain his form prior to the playoffs as the Red Sox wrap up a three-game series with the Orioles. MASN

2 P.M. Drivers battle in the first race of the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup in the Sylvania 300 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. ABC

4:15 P.M. The Ravens look to improve to 2-0 as they travel to San Diego to play Philip Rivers and the Chargers. CBS

Defensive Measures

With offense lagging, Redskins look to other side of ball to produce

REDSKINS | It all comes down to which big play you want to remember.

Do you prefer thinking about Redskins defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth's stuffing Giants tailback Brandon Jacobs on fourth and a yard last Sunday — a rare feat for any defender against New York's stout rushing attack? Or do you want to remember Eli Manning's 30-yard touchdown pass to Mario Manningham on a third-and-7 during New York's 23-17 win?

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1 P.M. | FOX
Sunday

While dwelling on the negative may be the fall pastime in Washington, Redskins fans have to be hoping their defense is up to making those positive memories stick out over the next month.

In a gift of the schedule, the Redskins host the Rams Sunday, then take on the Lions, Buccaneers, Panthers and Chiefs. None of those teams won opening weekend, and all of them have significant problems on offense.

While the Redskins have significant offensive issues, too, Washington's defense came out of the weekend with some positives and also seems more certain than the offense to improve.

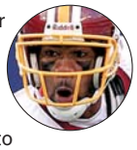
"We know what we did to lose that game. We've just got to learn from our mistakes," rookie pass rusher Brian Orakpo said. "Stop talking about it and just do it."

The defense rarely got an overwhelming push, but it did have its moments, like Andre Carter's forced fumble and DeAngelo Hall's interception.

"I look around our defense and they were flying around," coach Jim Zorn said. "Just some of those critical third downs didn't get us there." ERIC BRANDNER

Albert Haynesworth, right, stuffed Giants RB Brandon Jacobs on fourth down last week — the Redskins' best defensive play.

DON'T OVERLOOK THE RAMS



Is it possible to overlook an opponent after getting off to a bad start? That's the situation Washington faces Sunday when St. Louis — which was thumped 28-0 by Seattle in its season-opener — comes to FedEx Field. Still, Redskins players remember last year's 17-16 home loss to a 2-14 St. Louis squad.

"It's not going to be a 'get well' game," receiver **ANTWAAN RANDLE EL** said. "It's going to be a game where we have to come out and fight for a win."

LAST WEEK
VS. SEATTLE
28-0
Seattle had 446 offensive yards.

LAST SEASON
VS. WASHINGTON
17-16
The Rams were 2-14 last year.

> "We know what we did to lose that game. We've just got to learn from our mistakes. Stop talking about it and just do it."
>
> —**BRIAN ORAKPO**, REDSKINS ROOKIE PASS RUSHER, ON LAST WEEK'S LOSS

MOVIES **The King of Comedy** LeBron James is leaving Cleveland — for Hollywood. The Cavaliers' superstar and reigning NBA MVP will put his vast array of television experience to good use by making his feature film debut, playing himself in an upcoming comedy. James will appear in "Fantasy Basketball Camp," a movie about five guys from different backgrounds who travel to Las Vegas to live out their fantasy by attending James' basketball camp. Production will begin next summer, when James can become a free agent. (AP)

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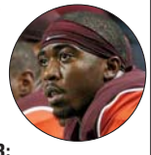
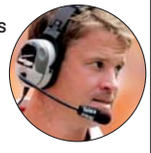
ALL GAMES ON SATURDAY

No. 19 Nebraska at No. 13 Virginia Tech



THE STORY: The Hokies need to prove that they can win the big one after that disaster against Alabama.
WHAT TO WATCH FOR: Will QB **TYROD TAYLOR** give up on his no-running act? (3:30 P.M., ABC)

Tennessee at No. 1 Florida



THE STORY: Expect a hungry hoard of Gators in the swamp after Tennessee coach **LANE KIFFIN** guaranteed a victory over the reigning national champs.
WHAT TO WATCH FOR: Tim Tebow begins his Heisman campaign as the SEC schedule kicks off. (3:30 P.M., CBS)

Texas Tech at No. 2 Texas

THE STORY: Got Motivation? The Longhorns vividly remember Michael Crabtree waltzing into the endzone, destroying their dream season.
WHAT TO WATCH FOR: **COLT MCCOY** and the Longhorns won't let the Tech stay close for long. (NOON, ESPN)

3 UP 3 DOWN

How the Redskins could win – or lose – this week

THE REDSKINS WILL WIN IF ...

1 Clinton Portis carries the ball at least 20 times. Washington has gone 9-20 when the back touched the ball fewer times than that marker since his arrival in 2004. The Redskins are also 21-4 when he tallies at least 100 yards — which should be relatively easy to accomplish given that the Rams surrendered 177 yards to Seattle's Julius Jones, who had a whopping 6.2 yards per carry average.

2 The announcers mention Torry Holt at least three times. The future Hall-of-Fame receiver is now on the Jacksonville Jaguars, leaving St. Louis' passing attack impotent compared to its "Greatest Show on Turf" days. If Holt's absence becomes a major storyline, it means quarterback Marc Bulger and the Rams offense are going nowhere fast.

3 Hunter Smith doesn't score a touchdown. Sure, the fake field goal against the Giants was the highlight of a lowly Week 1 performance by the Redskins. But if Washington needs a jumpstart at FedEx Field against a team that pulled an upset for one of its two victories last year, something is really wrong. Smith would probably also gladly take a day off from his punting duties as well.

THE REDSKINS WILL LOSE IF ...

1 Antwaan Randle El is the leading receiver again. The reason Randle El had his best game in years last Sunday was that the Giants were focusing their attention on the flankers. As a result, Santana Moss was a non-entity, as were Malcolm Kelly and Devin Thomas, though what else is new with the second-year wide outs? The Redskins need to make plays, which means throwing the ball downfield.

2 London Fletcher is in on 18 tackles. The middle linebacker is a machine, no doubt, but even he admits that when he's making as many plays as he did against the Giants, it means the defensive line isn't carrying its fair share. With Steven Jackson still in the Rams' backfield, the Redskins are going to have to stop the run up front before the former Pro Bowler breaks free for a big play, especially if it's a close game.

3 Derrick Dockery is seen running down the field trying to score. Last year, the now-departed Pete Kendall caught a deflected pass on a fluke play. Since Kendall is a offensive lineman, he has no idea what to do with the ball in his hands. Naturally, he fumbled and the Rams returned the ball for a touchdown. Dockery is now in Kendall's position, so Washington hopes the days of guards bumbling with the pigskin are over.

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Huskers QB Eyes Big Test

Hokies have home field, experience on their side against Lee

HOKIES FOOTBALL | It's one thing to excel against the likes of Florida Atlantic and Arkansas State; it's another to venture into Lane Stadium to face a Hokie team that boasts a 31-game home-winning streak against non-conference opponents.

That is the task that Nebraska quarterback Zac Lee faces as he directs the Huskers' offense into this weekend's showdown with 13th-ranked Virginia Tech.

After just two starts, Lee is the Big 12's top-rated passer and ranks as one of the most efficient in the country. His offensive coordinator describes him as a "cool dude." In Lincoln, despite his inexperience, Zac Lee is the man.

DAVE WEAVER/AP

Nebraska's Zac Lee faces his toughest test of the year Saturday when the No. 19 Cornhuskers visit No. 13 Virginia Tech. He's completed 43 of 59 passes this year.

In his two starts, Lee has completed 43 of 59 passes with six touchdowns, three of which have covered at least 28 yards, and a lone interception. Two words come to mind when evaluating this first-year starter: efficient and explosive.

Lee, however, is staying humble despite his gaudy statistics. "It's after two games, so a lot of things can change; a lot of things can happen," Lee said.

A lot of things, indeed. Both of Lee's starts have come in the comfortable confines of Memorial Stadium against lackluster competition.

His first road start couldn't occur at a tougher venue. Since 2003, according to Virginia Tech, the Hokie crowd has directly or indirectly induced 82 false starts and 31 delays of game penalties by opponents.

Bring it on, Lee says. "That's what college football is all about," he said. "You go to these different places and see these different fans who just love ball and love their team, and you get to compete in a different atmosphere." ERIC OLSEN (AP)

Ky. High School Coach Cleared In Player's Death

LOUISVILLE, KY. | A former Kentucky high school football coach was found not guilty Thursday in the death of a player who collapsed at a practice in which the team was put through a series of sprints on a hot summer day. It was a rare criminal prosecution of a coach in a player's heat-related death. The jury reached a verdict after deliberating less than two hours.

David Jason Stinson was charged after 15-year-old Max Gilpin collapsed at an August 2008 practice as the team ran a series of sprints known as "gassers." He died three days later of heat stroke, sepsis and multiple organ failure.

Players said Stinson ordered the gassers as punishment for the lack of effort they showed at practice on a day where the temperature and heat index were both 94 degrees Fahrenheit. (AP)

Sunday PICK'EM

	Matt Swenson SPORTS EDITOR, EXPRESS	Clinton Yates SPORTS EDITOR, EXPRESS	Angie Goff MORNING SHOW HOST, WUSA9-TV	Brett Haber SPORTS DIRECTOR, WUSA9-TV
RAMS (PLUS 9.5) AT REDSKINS	**REDSKINS** They can't lose to the pathetic Rams two years in a row, can they?	**RAMS** I said it last week: No picks for the mediocre Redskins until they win a game.	**REDSKINS** The Rams cost the Redskins a playoff spot last year. Don't count on a repeat.	**REDSKINS** No earthly way the Redskins allow a repeat of last year, one of the Rams' two wins.
SAINTS (N/A) AT EAGLES	**SAINTS** Drew Brees looked unstoppable last week. Jeff Garcia isn't a savior.	**SAINTS** No six TDs for Brees, but a solid test for a team looking to get back to the playoffs.	**SAINTS** Without McNabb, there might be a cool Brees in Philly this weekend.	**SAINTS** Donovan McNabb has the most talked-about ribs since Rocklands opened.
PATRIOTS (MINUS 3.5) AT JETS	**JETS** Mark Sanchez is the real deal, and Rex Ryan is going to be a hero in New York.	**JETS** If Sanchez gets Leon Washington involved, the Jets have a shot.	**PATRIOTS** The Jets only win if Brady's arm falls off from throwing it 60 times a game.	**PATRIOTS** Sanchez may be the new Brady, but we saw Monday Brady is still the old Brady.
GIANTS (PLUS 3) AT COWBOYS	**GIANTS** The Giants didn't play all that well and still beat the Redskins easily.	**COWBOYS** Dallas won this game at home last year and now has a better team.	**COWBOYS** Eli vs. Romo is intriguing. Too bad we have to listen to Chris Collinsworth for three hours.	**GIANTS** Osi Umenyiora, leaping for a sack, hits head on video board, gets Romo anyway.
SEAHAWKS (PLUS 1.5) AT 49ERS	**SEAHAWKS** Matt Hasselbeck has one good year left in him.	**SEAHAWKS** Seattle's John Carlson is my second-favorite tight end in the NFC West.	**49ERS** The 49ers and former Terp Shaun Hill are improved, despite Crabtree sitting at home.	**49ERS** Upset of the week. They knocked off the Cardinals, and former Terp Shaun Hill does it again.

SEASON TALLY | Matt Swenson: 3-1; Clinton Yates: 3-1; Celebrity Guests: Angie Goff: 2-2; Dan Steinberg: 1-3; Brett Haber; 0-0

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REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON

Is This the Fall Of the Redskins?

MY CO-WORKER is a Steelers fan. The lucky bastard.

Remember the days when the Redskins we're always in contention for the Super Bowl? That was the same era when the organization was first-rate, made up of people who were easy to root for.

In the wake of this week's apathy toward Sunday's loss to the Giants, it struck me how far removed Washington is from those happy days. The Redskins have not lost the city yet, but the city is starting to lose interest in them. How could this have happened?

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First, the team is closing in on being two decades removed from its last dominant season. You can't expect a title every year, but how about a championship game once every 17 years?

Second, and perhaps more lethal, the Redskins are just boring to watch.

Last, there is Dan Snyder. Even after a decade, there's still news about just how low he'll sink. This summer's series in The Washington Post detailing petty lawsuits against fans who couldn't afford their tickets may have been the breaking point.

Can Snyder win back Washington? Sure. Collect a few Super Bowls and he'll be a hero. But that won't happen until he understands that how you run a business reflects on the final product — even if it's on a football field.

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The Confidence Conundrum

UMd. tries to rebuild swagger after shaky results to open season

TERPS FOOTBALL | Ralph Friedgen believes that success builds confidence, not the other way around. It's his take on an age-old athletic chicken-and-egg argument. If you haven't had success, what do you have to be confident about?

Not that the Maryland coach is above helping the process along a bit. One of his favorite strategies is showing his players film of successful plays, successful drives, successful games. Through two games — a blowout loss to California and a cardiac-inducing overtime victory against Division I-AA James Madison — there has been very little film fodder for his players to see.

TRACY A WOODWARD/TWP

UMd. head coach Ralph Friedgen has focused on eliminating mistakes by his team in practice. The Terps hope to avenge last year's loss to Middle Tennessee State.

"When you watch the film on Sunday, you want to see yourself playing well, you want to see your team executing," senior quarterback Chris Turner said. "Watching the JMU game, we just left so many plays out on the field. We could have had that game in the bag earlier in the game and we let them stay in it."

So lately, rather than focusing on repeating successes, the approach has been to eliminate mistakes.

Too many penalties? Friedgen enlisted officials to come in and participate in daily practices, blowing whistles and tossing the yellow flags.

Still not enough? Every time a player is whistled for a penalty, it gets marked down and they might pay for it with extra running after the conclusion of practice.

Much of it is attributed to inexperience, particularly on a green offensive line where coaches are desperately shuffling players in and out in search of chemistry and the perfect combination.

And this week has a little extra meaning to the players. It's an opportunity to avenge last year's 24-14 upset loss at Middle Tennessee State.

And since the Blue Raiders have had some recent success against Maryland, well, they'll arrive in College Park with plenty of confidence.

"They probably think they're better than us right now," Turner said. "That's probably the reality."

DEREK TURNER

SPREADING THINGS OUT

Middle Tennessee State's first-year offensive coordinator **TONY FRANKLIN** arrived after stints at Auburn and Troy State, and he's known to favor a wide-open attack. Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen said he expects the Blue Raiders' base offensive set to include four wide receivers, which could present problems for the Terrapins' banged-up secondary.

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Damon dons his funny cap to play an inept spy in 'The Informant!' 33

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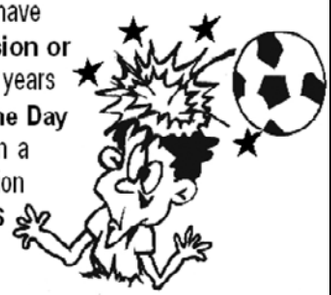

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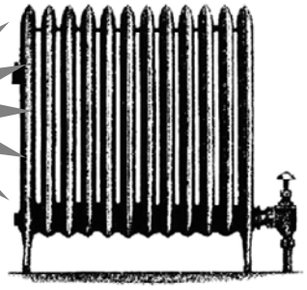

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Jeff Corwin

WILDLIFE TV HOST, ADVENTUROUS EATER

For his Emmy-winning wildlife adventure shows, Jeff Corwin has snuggled with black bears, waded with restless alligators and been whipped around by a playful elephant. Which might explain why the Food Network tapped the amiable, up-for-anything TV host for its newest show, "Extreme Cuisine With Jeff Corwin" (Thu., 9 p.m.).

Your new show has you churning fermented sheep's cheese in Greece and diving for sea cucumbers in Washington state.
It's really been an epicurean journey that has taken us from Morocco to the U.K. to the Pacific Northwest. What we discovered is that, while each location is unique, there really is a common thread of these stories. Food is the glue that binds culture, that celebrates community and, often, is a way to share the history of the region.

What do you hope viewers learn from your experiences — other than the world's got some wacky food?
What inspired me is the idea of, "Where does your food come from?" I remember speaking with one of my daughter's friends, and her impression of where food came from is from the refrigerator. I said, "Well, where does the refrigerator get it?" and the answer was, "My mom gets it from the grocery store." We want to get people thinking out of the icebox and more about the big picture.

You want people to know what they're putting in their mouths.
So much of our lives involves food, and yet we're not attached to it. We grab a box from the supermarket, and empty out something that looks like wild rice and a little packet of seasonings. But what does real wild rice look like? We actually went out and collected it in the bayou.

Unlike other food shows, you're not just about the entree.
The arc of our story follows the start, middle and end of a food experience. Maybe that starts with the plow in the field, or by reaching under a chicken, or baiting a hook.

> "Our story follows the beginning, middle and end of a food experience. Maybe that starts under a chicken."

Is there anything you won't eat?
I'm willing to try just about anything. A few things have turned my stomach, but not necessarily what you would think. Like, going to that street stand where everyone is lined up around the block to get to a cow's head taco. They use every bit of the cow — the snout, the tongue, the eyes, the brain. It's really the textures, not the flavors, that get you.

That sounds pretty intense.
Well, on the surface, people might think it's garish. But, really, what is more garish? To pick what you like from the cow and turn the rest into dog food or fertilizer? Or is there something great about a cow that grew up eating the grass in the backyard, and the community that raised it ate all of it, and cherished the snout as much as the tenderloin?

Did your experience with animals help with the food show filming?
If you've ever worked with a veterinarian in Thailand to help disimpact an elephant, which involves a garden hose, 2 gallons of mineral oil and a very long glove — well, if you can get through that, you can get through almost anything.

BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)

EVENT HORIZON **Tim Gunn brings** his "Make it work!" know-how to Tysons Galleria this weekend when he hosts a Liz Claiborne runway show (Sat., 1 p.m.). The event is part of the shopping center's All Access: Fashion weekend, which includes a fall trend presentation (Fri., 7-9 p.m.), plus trunk shows, shopping parties and beauty freebies at participating stores. See Allaccessfashion.com for the full lineup.

goods lookout

1 Tribal Belted

SLAMMING AN ESPRESSO is imbued with a shot of hipster American Indian style via Imm Living's ceramic totem mugs ($65 for four, RCKNDY, 1515 U St. NW; 202-332-5639). The cups can be stacked to resemble Pacific Northwest landmarks or just filled with java that tastes like you're hanging in Seattle or at Snoqualmie Falls. Other items from the wry Canadian company in stock include a set of plates resembling stove burners ($34).

2 Wooden, It Be Nice

LOCAL JEWELRY DESIGNER Daphne Olive wins fans with her botanical-inspired collections of graceful, femme pieces (sterling silver pendants dotted with colorful resin dots, silver earrings cast from Chesapeake Bay seeds and pods). Her new line of laser-cut bamboo pendants and earrings come in carefully crafted nature shapes such as flowers and trees (shown, $52, Tabletop, 1608 20th St. NW; 202-387-7117). The smooth wood-grain surface comes across as Earth girl breezy, not blingy or flashy.

3 All Men On Decks

TIMBERLAND SHOES HAVE COVERED major mileage in the fashion world: First they showed up on hikers, then rappers and now — preppies? A new line of hand-sewn men's boat shoes by the rugged-cool company just popped up exclusively at Saks ($150, Saks Fifth Avenue, Tysons Galleria, McLean; 703-761-0700). We recommend pairing the suede, chunky footwear with dark jeans and a trim blazer in cool weather. Even more noteworthy: This might be the first time since Elvis that we're endorsing blue suede shoes for dudes.

4 Pretty in Produce

BRINGING YOUR OWN SHOPPING TOTES to Trader Joe's or the farmers market turns out to just be step one in your new Earth-friendly grocery-getting plan. Next up: replacing those landfill-clogging plastic sacks traditionally used for produce with Wonder Thunder's Happy Vegetable Bags ($20 for four, Velocityartanddesign.com). The silk-screened, organic muslin cuties stash good-for-you stuff including apples and zucchini at the checkout or in your fridge.

Brights, Camera ...

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AFTER YEARS of SpongeBob lunch boxes and Buzz Lightyear Happy Meal toys, someone finally got smart and made a movie tie-in for grown-ups. Sure, the new line of "Fame" lip glosses ($10, Sephora stores) smells of both fruity sweetness and marketing opportunity, but the shiny shades also deliver a pretty pucker (and arrive just in time for the movie remake, out next week). Is hair spray next? We hear the jingle now: "Baby, remember my mane."

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I'm going on a business trip to Japan. I've never been and have no idea what to wear when I'm not dressed in business attire. — LINDA

■ Manolo says, sadly, the Manolo has never been to Japan, Mysterious Land of the East, where people eat the raw fish and dress like Hello Kitty Lolita Samurai Warriors. Or perhaps like the Sailor Moon Gothic Rockabilly Shoguns. The Manolo cannot say for sure.

The problem is that the most popular Japanophile Web sites and magazines prefer to highlight unusual youth subcultures at the expense of the more mundane. And thus even though we

who have never visited Japan can easily distinguish between six types of Japanese Lolitas (Classic Lolita, Gothic Lolita, Princess Lolita, Punk Lolita, Sweet Lolita, and Grotesque Lolita), we cannot tell you what ordinary people are wearing on their days off.

Thus the Manolo's primary rule for travel remains: When travelling abroad, one should not substantially change one's usual mode of dress. Instead, you must do as the Victorian ladies and gentlemen did when making the Grand Tour, and maintain your own native costume even in the most unlikely of situations. Here is the Onitsuka Tiger by Asics ($67, Zappos.com). Who knows if the Japanese actually wear these? Who cares? They are super-*kawaii*!

Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Logan Circle resident Burt Reynolds, a 3-year-old shih tzu, poses in a retro mod pet bed ($74, Likekittysville.etsy.com). **Photo by Marge Ely.**

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DOUBLE-DUTY DEN
Feng shui goes to the dogs with ZenHaus's critter den, which can double as a cocktail table for saketinis. ($525, Velocityartanddesign.com)

Bunking with a furry pal needn't take a bite out of your hip, modern home

It's a riot to watch Fido chomp away at his favorite chew toy. But an apartment littered with rubber hedgehogs and ratty dog beds is likely to land you in the "before" category on one of those HGTV makeover shows. But does adopting a dog, cat or, heck, guinea pig mean you have to surrender your pad to paw print-stamped pillows, fusty carpet scratching posts and metal crates that resemble canine jails?

"There's this desire on the part of homeowners to beautify their spaces, but for many years, the pet-product industry didn't take that into account," says Julia Szabo, pet columnist for the New York Post and author of the new book "Pretty Pet Friendly" ($17, Wiley). But luckily for design-conscious pet lovers, a new generation of chic pet companies has moved to the front of the pack.

Getting your paws on hipper, sleeker puppy beds, cool birdcages and haute cat collars is easier than teaching a dog tricks now, thanks to fresh stock at online outlets, indie boutiques and big-box stores such as Petco and PetSmart. What began with a few high-end designers offering handmade wares with a mod sensibility has evolved into an industry-wide phenomenon — a growing piece of the $45 billion pet-product pie, according to the American Pet Products Association.

"Carpet-covered monstrosities were not cutting it," says Kate Benjamin, a Phoenix blogger who defies the "crazy cat lady" stereotype on her blog, Moderncat.net, where she emphasizes design-forward products — from "Jetsons"-esque cat pods by Hepper Home (Hepperhome.com) to sleek cat perches and DIY sheepskin-topped acrylic cubes — and shows how she incorporates her six felines into her swanky, boutique hotel-ish pad.

"Instead of fighting to keep the cat off the bookshelf, hang a cat perch that it can lounge on. Then a beautiful cat is sitting on the shelf instead of a knickknack," Benjamin says. This creates a more serene environment where four-legged roomies thrive.

To that end, when your Great Dane's paw print alone takes up a sizeable chunk of your 600-square-foot condo, organizing pet gear is essential. "It's important your furniture multitask," Szabo says, whether that means an end table that doubles as an animal house or a pretty hook for hanging leashes.

Much of the pampered pooch or cat trend can be traced to city dwellers with few — or

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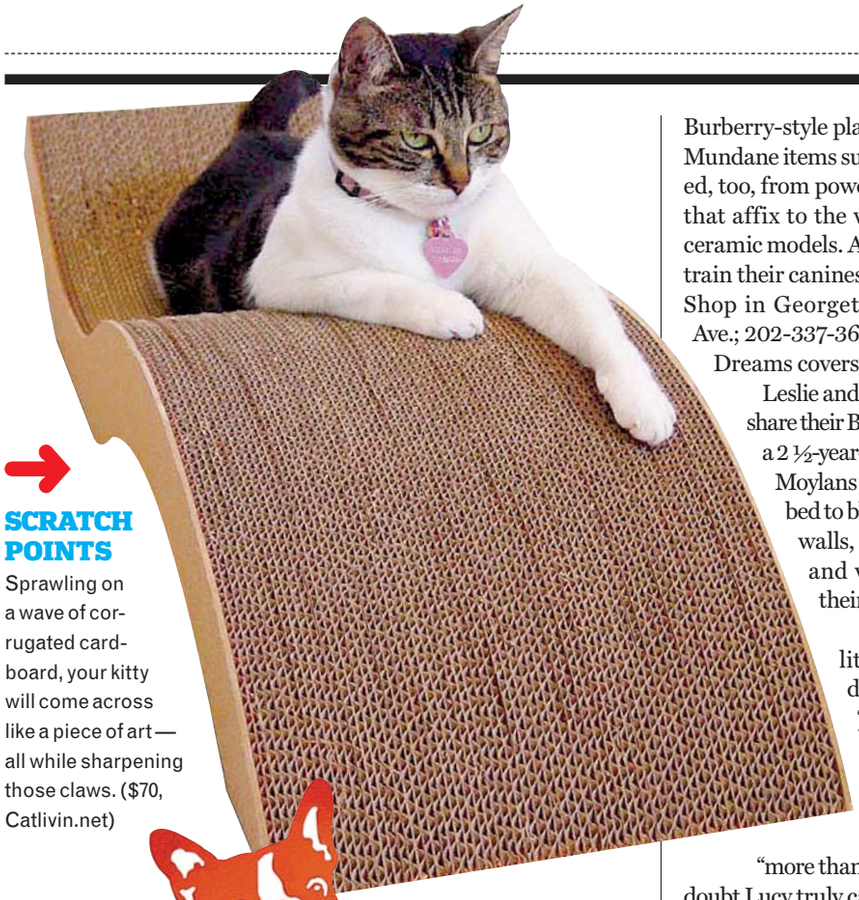

SCRATCH POINTS
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FOOD TIMES
A metal sculpture holds bowls and gives Spot a dinner companion who won't swipe the kibble. ($175, Thesecreatures.com)

no — kids who are holding off on diapers and playgrounds and, instead, are reaching for leashes and dog parks. "Our clients are mostly people who live in the city, and their dogs are their children," says Lisa Schreiber, owner of Wagtime (1232 Ninth St. NW; 202-789-0870), a pet boutique adjacent to the Washington Convention Center.

With extra disposable income, pet parents splurge on nicer beds that match their contemporary homes. At boutiques such as Capitol Hill's Pawticulars (407 Eighth St. SE; 202-546-7387), shoppers custom-order dog beds in stylish patterns such as Burberry-style plaids and graphic florals. Mundane items such as bowls are upgraded, too, from powder-coated steel feeders that affix to the wall to monogrammed ceramic models. And for those who crate-train their canines, stores such as the Dog Shop in Georgetown (1625 Wisconsin Ave.; 202-337-3647) even stock velvet Pet Dreams covers.

Leslie and James Moylan, both 29, share their Bethesda condo with Lucy, a 2 ½-year-old Lab/pit bull mix. The Moylans chose a khaki pillow dog bed to blend in with their neutral walls, and stainless steel food and water dishes to mirror their kitchen's appliances.

"We like to treat Lucy a little more special — we don't have kids, so she's not 'just a dog' to us," says Leslie Moylan, whose treats for Lucy also include a pink cupcake-patterned collar and leash set and "more than a few" clothing items. "I doubt Lucy truly cares what her collar, dog bed and bowls look like, as long as they hold the promise of walks, naps and food," Leslie Moylan admits.

To peacefully coexist in even a small animal kingdom, you want to keep pets in mind when furnishing your pad. That means considering fur that's shed and muddy paws when choosing a sofa, or protecting your upholstery with Sure Fit slipcovers (Surefit.net) or Crypton "Throvers" (Amazon.com), which the company claims "look like a blanket and work like a tarp." Szabo suggests discouraging Mr. Whiskers from clawing your dreamy new sofa by wrapping heating pipes with untreated sisal twine for a makeshift scratcher that won't take up extra space.

If you must sheath your floor with cushy rugs (so tempting to pee on!), go for FLOR's (Flor.com) mix-and-match modular carpet tiles. "It's like a Post-it note for your floor," Szabo says. "If a pet upchucks on it, you lift up that tile and clean it."

Of course, like an ornery toddler, your animal companion may reject its plush pet bed and instead prefer snuggling on your Italian leather love seat — or a ratty towel. Still, "a dog knows the difference between a threadbare bed you throw in a corner" and one that's high-quality," claims Pawticulars owner Jennifer Zatkowski. "I really believe the animal appreciates the effort, and feels that you truly are making him part of your family." KATIE KNOROVSKY

"THERE'S THIS DESIRE TO BEAUTIFY SPACES, BUT FOR YEARS, THE PET-PRODUCT INDUSTRY DIDN'T TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT."

FOR LEASH
Though these hooks say "dog," intuitive pups know they spell W-A-L-K. ($20, Pawticulars, 407 8th St. SE.; 202-546-7387)

WAG SALE SOURCES

Want to find gear for cool cats and decidedly fashionable dogs? Sniff out these online and brick-and-mortar purveyors to the pet set.

A.K.A. SPOT
This Clarendon souk stocks a chic selection of beds, blankets, collars and more. It also boasts a self-wash dog station. 2509 N. Franklin Road, Arlington; 703-248-0093; Akaspot.com

THE BIG BAD WOOF
Find eco-friendly pet supplies, from handmade beaded collars to organic dog beds, plus raw and holistic animal food at this Takoma Park store. 117 Carroll St. NW; 202-291-2404; Thebigbadwoof.com

DOGGIE STYLE
This Dupont pet bakery also stocks pet spa products, all-natural foods and a small selection of comfy beds and toys. 1825 18th St. NW; 202-667-0595; Doggiestylebakery.com

THE DOG SHOP
Located in Georgetown, this shop is a stop for all things furry, from basic grooming supplies to plush crate covers, sleek cat climbers and customizable dog beds. 1625 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-337-3647; Dogshopdc.com.

PAWTICULARS
Find chic collars and leashes, and Harry Barker spa products and accessories at this cheery Capitol Hill boutique, plus swatch books of custom fabrics for pet beds and pillows. 407 8th St. SE; 202-546-7387; Pawticulars.com

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Find the Funny Lining

In 'The Informant!,' Steven Soderbergh extracts hilarity from serious, real events

FILM | The exclamation point in the title is your first clue that Steven Soderbergh's intentions are more than a little askew with "The Informant!"

Then you notice Matt Damon's helmet of hair, his pouf of a mustache, his corny sportswear and the paunch where the "Bourne" trilogy star's taut abs used to be. And once the strains of Marvin Hamlisch's jaunty score begin — an ideal accompaniment to the faded, '70s-style cinematography — you know you're in some vividly retro, comic parallel universe.

Soderbergh approaches it in the goofiest way, rather than as a serious drama like 'The Insider.'

"The Informant!" is about a serious, real-life subject — a whistle-blower who spied for the FBI to expose corporate corruption — but Soderbergh, directing a script by Scott Z. Burns, approaches it in the goofiest way, rather than as a serious drama like "The Insider" or even his own "Erin Brockovich."

It's a kick, really, but it also keeps you guessing: Is Damon, as Mark Whitacre, just a regular guy who gets in over his head? Is he far more scheming and malevolent than his folksy Midwestern demeanor would suggest? Or is something else entirely going on here?

Based on the book by former New York Times writer Kurt Eichenwald, "The Informant!" follows Whitacre's misadventures as he agrees to wear a wire to expose a price-fixing scheme at Archer Daniels Midland, the Illinois-based agribusiness conglomerate where he's an executive. Actually, "agrees" doesn't even begin to describe his reaction. He's more like a giddy little boy playing Agent 007 — or 0014, as he describes himself, because he thinks he's twice as smart.

But as his ineptitude evolves into unreliability and eventually desperation, he becomes more trouble than help to agents Brian Shepard (Scott Bakula) and Bob Herndon (Joel McHale). The deeper Whitacre gets, the more damage he does to the investigation — all of which Soderbergh plays for deadpan laughs, which makes it all the more absurd. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

CLAUDETTE BARIUS/WARNER BROS. PICTURES

Mark Whitacre (Matt Damon, above) relays info to agents Brian Shepard and Bob Herndon (Scott Bakula and Joel McHale, below).

'THE INFORMANT!'

➜ **DIRECTOR:** Steven Soderbergh
➜ **STARS:** Matt Damon, Scott Bakula, Joel McHale, Tony Hale
➜ **IN A NUTSHELL:** Matt Damon is spying on the agribusiness conglomerate he works for. His ineptitude leads to trouble, and a veritable comedy of errors ensues.
➜ **FOR FANS OF:** "Ocean's Eleven," "Burn After Reading"

nightlife agenda

JONATHAN NEWTON/TWP

Wale is performing in Northeast tonight as part of Kia's Soul Collective Tour.

FRIDAY

The big local music news of the last week is that Wale — D.C.'s great hip-hop hope — has been picked to be the opening act on Jay-Z's "Blueprint 3" tour. Of course, this means yet another delay for Wale's "Attention: Deficit" album, but we suppose more exposure is a small price to pay. Wale's performing tonight at the **SOUL COLLECTIVE WAREHOUSE** in Northeast D.C. at a free show sponsored by Kia. (Dan Deacon's playing Saturday; MGMT's playing Sunday.)

SATURDAY

Casper Bangs is one of the more promising new entries on the local scene, playing dramatic rock meant to be heard in big spaces. Those flourishes should have some extra kick coming from the **BLACK CAT**'s mainstage, as the band opens for Jesus and Mary Chain soundalikes Crocodiles and U.K. shock-rockers turned surprisingly good shoegazers the Horrors.

SUNDAY

Even though Delirium Tremens is not currently on tap (please bring it back — soon!), there's still no better way to end the weekend than with a relaxing evening at **GALAXY HUT**. Bonus points for good tunes, and that will be the case Sunday night as Boston's Hands and Knees brings its bouncy, off-kilter indie-pop to Arlington's best bar.

Check out an extended version of "Nightlife Agenda" each Thursday at **washingtonpost.com/gog**

CASTING Welcome to the A-List Sharlto Copley, the star of this summer's hit "District 9," is in final negotiations to portray "Howling Mad" Murdock in Fox's "A-Team" feature film. Jessica Biel is also in casting talks. Copley and Biel would join Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper and Quinton "Rampage" Jackson. Joe Carnahan is directing the adaptation of the 1980s television show, with Ridley and Tony Scott producing. "A-Team" begins shooting later this fall in Vancouver. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

Cody's Clever Dialogue

The writer behind 'Juno' tries out horror in 'Jennifer's Body' with little success

FILM | "Jennifer's Body," the second screenplay from Diablo Cody following her Oscar-winning debut smash "Juno," is so chock full of her quirky trademarks, it almost plays like a parody of something she'd write.

The self-consciously clever dialogue, the gratuitous pop-culture references, the made-up phrases intended to convey a specific high school ethos — they're all there. Even though fembot Megan Fox is an excellent fit to spit out these witty quips, it's all so familiar, it makes you wonder whether Cody has any other weapons in her arsenal. When she tries too hard to dazzle us that she loses her footing; meanwhile, director Karyn Kusama ("Girlfight," "Aeon Flux") struggles in her own way to find the right tone amid these two divergent genres.

The result: "Jennifer's Body" is never scary and it's only sporadically amusing.

Fox is a great choice, though, to play Jennifer, the queen bee who longs to flee the small town of Devil's Kettle. Here, the "Transformers" star gets to show what she can do when given the chance to speak. Granted, playing a sexy, popular cheerleader probably wasn't a huge stretch for her, but hey — it works.

One night, after attending a concert by her favorite band that goes disastrously awry, Jennifer seems ... different. This is immediately obvious to her childhood best friend, the nerdy Needy (Amanda Seyfried). But eventually the whole town realizes something is wrong when boys' bodies start turning up bloodied and eviscerated.

DOANE GREGORY/SOTH CENTURY FOX

Megan Fox plays the title character in this mildly frightening, mildly amusing film.

The interaction Needy has with her shy, sweet boyfriend (Chip Simmons) helps provide the film with some substance. But then the much-hyped make-out session between Needy and Jennifer feels wedged-in and provides no insight on the intensity of high-school girls' relationships, as Cody has said she intended.

> 'Jennifer's Body' is so full of [Cody's] quirky trademarks, it plays like a parody of something she'd write.

Instead, like the rest of the movie, it's just not as hot as it could have been. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

A Peaceful Soul, Now at Rest

Peter, Paul and Mary member Travers dies at the age of 72

OBIT | Mary Travers, one-third of the popular 1960s folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary who were perhaps best known for their hit "Puff (The Magic Dragon)," died in a Connecticut hospital after battling leukemia for several years. She was 72.

Bandmate Peter Yarrow said that in her final months, Travers handled her declining health with bravery and generosity, showing her love to friends and family "with great dignity and without restraint."

"It was, as Mary always was, honest and completely authentic," he said. "That's the way she sang, too; honestly and with complete authenticity."

AP

Travers will be remembered for her lovely voice and her "defense of the defenseless."

Noel "Paul" Stookey, the trio's other member, praised Travers for her inspiring activism, "especially in her defense of the defenseless."

"I am deadened and heartsick beyond words to consider a life without Mary Travers and honored beyond my wildest dreams to have shared her spirit and her career," he said.

The trio mingled their music with liberal politics, both onstage and off. Their version of "If I Had a Hammer" became an anthem for racial equality. Other hits included "Lemon Tree," "Leaving on a Jet Plane" and "Puff (The Magic Dragon.)"

They were early champions of Bob Dylan and performed his "Blowin' in the Wind" at the August 1963 March on Washington.

And they were vehement in their opposition to the Vietnam War, managing to stay true to their liberal beliefs while creating music that resonated in the American mainstream. The group also collected five Grammy Awards.

Travers lived for many years in Redding, Conn. She is survived by her husband, Ethan Robbins and daughters, Alicia and Erika. JAY LINDSAY (AP)

GUS RUELAS/AP

Lisa Ling was a "View" host until '02.

Ling Shares Her 'View'

RETURN | Lisa Ling, a former co-host of "The View," will be back as a guest co-host for two days next month.

ABC said Thursday that Ling will sit host for the Oct. 5 and 6 broadcasts.

She'll sub for regular co-host Elisabeth Hasselbeck, who's on maternity leave.

Her sister, Laura Ling, was one of two journalists detained and released in August by North Korea. (AP)

O'Keeffe's Other Passion

A Lifetime biopic gives us a glimpse into the tumultuous love life of a prolific painter

RELATIONSHIPS | Georgia O'Keeffe stirs recognition in certain predictable ways: her no-nonsense face leathered by the New Mexico sun; her paintings of animal skulls and of flowers that mystically evoke ladies' privates.

But there is much more to know about O'Keeffe, who in her 98 years of life established herself as one of the best-known women painters in history — and more.

A new Lifetime film, "Georgia O'Keeffe," provides a telling glimpse through the framework of her love affair, collaboration and emotional tug-of-war with photographer Alfred Stieglitz.

This biopic, which premieres Saturday at 9 p.m., is directed by the versatile Bob Balaban (a filmmaker, writer and actor remembered as Elaine's boyfriend Russell on "Seinfeld").

RICHARD FOREMAN/LIFETIME

Joan Allen stars in "Georgia O'Keeffe" as the fascinating painter who lived to be 98.

Oscar winner Jeremy Irons is charismatically exasperating as Stieglitz, whose own artistic pursuits took a backseat to championing O'Keeffe's career, even as his self-absorbed nature threatened to destroy her.

And Joan Allen plays the fiercely independent yet vulnerable O'Keeffe, a young woman who meets Stieglitz in New York early in the last century, finds fame under his tutelage, and then makes a difficult break to spend the bulk of her years in Santa Fe's splendid isolation.

Allen, who helped develop the "O'Keeffe" project and serves as an executive producer, says she felt simpatico with the painter.

"I'm from Illinois, she was from Wisconsin, and I could understand a Midwestern quality about her," Allen says. "She knew what she wanted to do: At 8 years old, she was playing with her friend and asked her, 'What are you going to do when you grow up?' 'I don't know.' 'Well, I'm gonna be a painter.'"

"At 8 years old, I was, 'I'm gonna be an actor.' So, I could see that we shared a kind of focus."

The film's selected slice of O'Keeffe's life unfolds as a very unconventional romance.

"I think they were very much in love with each other," Allen says. "But personality-wise, they were very, very different people."

FRAZIER MOORE (AP)

JIM COOPER/AP

Pavement front man Stephen Malkmus has remained active since the breakup.

Hits From Pavement

REUNION | Pavement, one of the most influential indie-rock bands of the '90s, will reunite.

The band's label, Matador Records, announced the reunion Thursday, confirming long-rumored plans. Pavement will reconvene for a tour — and only a tour — to begin Sept. 21, 2010, at Rumsey Playfield in New York's Central Park.

Though not hugely commercially successful, the California-based band is widely credited for its influential low-fidelity sound and ramshackle artistry.

Pavement broke up in 2000. (AP)

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ADAM (PG-13, 97 minutes) Beth (Rose Byrne) just out of a disastrous relationship, has moved into a new apartment, and she's interested in the cute guy on the second floor (Hugh Dancy). Adam has Asperger's syndrome, which renders him unable to empathize or to understand what other people are feeling. At its best, the film makes the viewer understand the frustration of living in a world in which everyone is a stranger. (DK)

ALL ABOUT STEVE (PG-13, 97 minutes) There are few things more cinematically satisfying than Sandra Bullock in her wheelhouse. But it's singularly excruciating to watch as she contorts herself into a role that's all wrong for her. This gruesome, almost perversely un-funny movie about a crossword puzzle constructor who obsessively follows a man across the country may get an asterisk on Bullock's résumé as the most misguided move of her career. Bullock's Mary Magdalene Horowitz chases a news cameraman named Steve (Bradley Cooper), who she nearly mauls on a blind date before they even pull away from the curb. Bullock lisps and quips her way through a movie that is by turns cruel and unusual, culminating in a tortured critique of contemporary media and conformism. (AH)

THE BAADER MEINHOF COMPLEX (R, 150 minutes) This deeply unsettling account of a group of young German activists that morphed into a murderous gang of domestic terrorists opens in 1967, when journalist Ulrike Meinhof (Martina Gedeck), like many Germans, is outraged at the killing of an unarmed demonstra-

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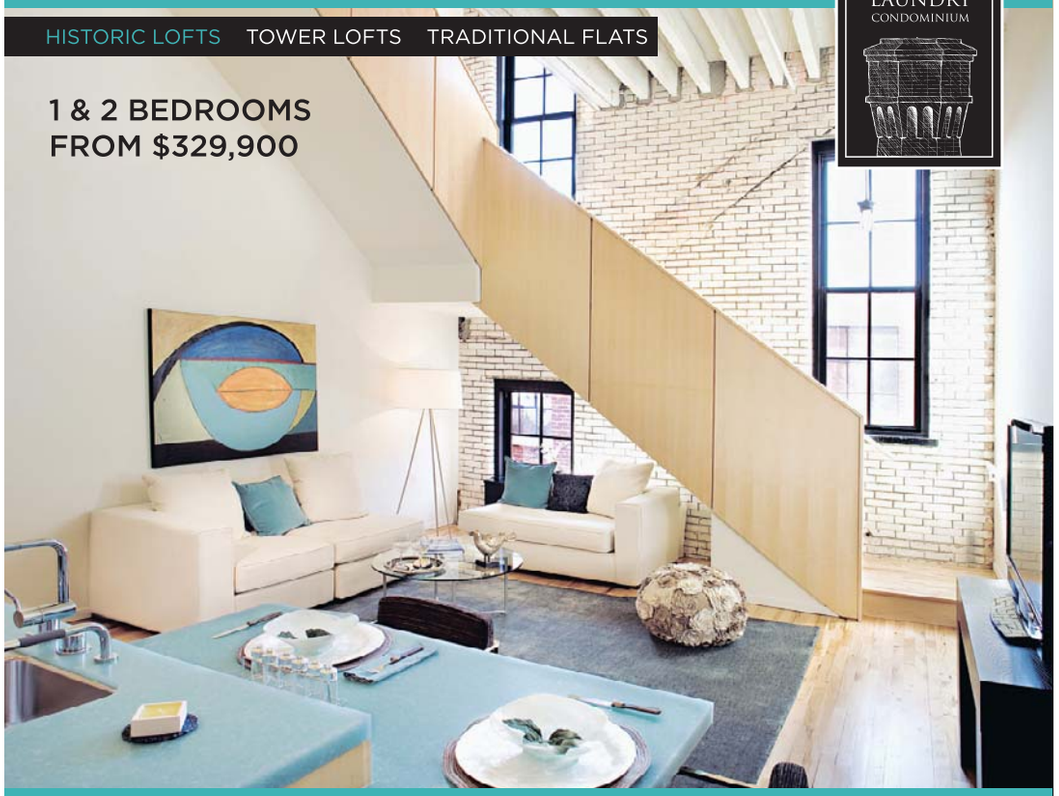

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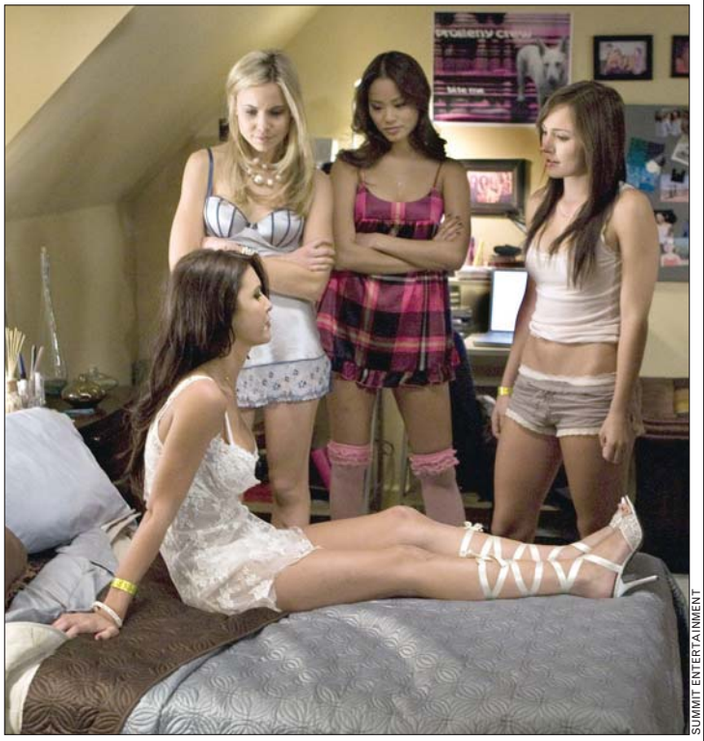
tor at a rally in Berlin. Several months later, activists Gudrun Ensslin (Johanna Wokalek) and Andreas Baader (Moritz Bleibtreu) are arrested after firebombing a department store to protest the war in Vietnam. In 1970, after interviewing Ensslin, Meinhof agrees to help Baader escape from prison. For the next several years, their group, the Red Army Faction, would embark on a violent campaign that was initially greeted with the admiration accorded to folk heroes and outlaws but ultimately held the country in a murderous thrall. (AH)

BIG FAN (R, 86 minutes) Writer Robert Siegel ("The Wrestler") has again created a closely observed, downbeat character study, this time with comedian Patton Oswalt starring in a breakout performance as an obsessive New York Giants fan. Thirty-six years old and still living with his mother on Staten Island, Paul Aufiero (Oswalt) occupies a world defined by the tiny booth where he works as a parking garage attendant, the bed where he makes late-night calls to a New York sports radio station and Giants Stadium, where Paul and his best friend, Sal (Kevin Corrigan), faithfully root for their home team from the parking lot. Oswalt imbues Paul with enough gravitas — even a bent kind of dignity — to keep him from being completely pathetic. But by the movie's strained, overheated climax, it's clear that Siegel, in his directing debut, is less interested in his protagonist as a character capable of transformation than as a human petri dish of futility and pathology. (AH)

DISTRICT 9 (R, 112 minutes) The poison that permeates this phenomenal film is the same toxin that defined so much of 20th-century history: the oppression of the Other — in this case, scaly aliens with feelers for faces, a jones for canned cat food and a mother ship that has been hovering over Johannesburg for 20 years. The underlying gravitas of the story, in which aliens are warehoused in camps and used for gruesome experiments, keeps director Neill Blomkamp's film smart, even as the aliens are turning their pursuers into Heinz 57 Sauce. As the craven corporate tool Wikus van de Merwe, acting newcomer Sharlto Copley is nothing short of revelatory. Wikus is assigned to move the aliens from their ramshackle township to tent cities that are, in fact, concentration camps. The aliens are hard to like, but we like them, just as we end up liking Wikus and rooting for the demise of Greater Human Civilization. (JA)



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HORRIFYINGLY SILLY: Audrina Patridge stars in the dismal-looking "Sorority Row."

EXTRACT (R, 91 minutes) Jason Bateman, Kristen Wiig, Mila Kunis, David Koechner, Ben Affleck and their abuser — writer-director Mike Judge, creator of "Office Space" and TV's "King of the Hill" — have violated the trust of their respective fan bases by participating in what may be the most disappointing American comedy of the decade. Bateman is the owner of a food-flavoring factory in a nondescript suburb of gated communities and hotel bars. His traitless wife (Wiig) won't have sex with him. His best friend is a scuzzy, pill-popping bartender played by Affleck. It's too timid to be black comedy, too inert to be slapstick, too unfocused and dull to be a takedown of the suburbs or of married life. As it is, it's a major step back for all involved. Don't see this movie. (DZ)

(500) DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13, 95 minutes) This romance understands that we mark our lives by our scrapes and defeats with love rather than by the white wedding-cake successes. It's a drama that, at first blush, would seem excruciatingly ordinary: the 500-day affair between Tom, who believes wholeheartedly in love, and Summer, who isn't sure about love at all. What makes us connect is Tom's funny, morose and ironic commentary as he does his damndest to reach the heart of a woman whose idea of lover and friend is, well, confusing. (DT)

THE FINAL DESTINATION (R, 82 minutes) In the latest unoriginal, exhausted sequel, these movies have been reduced to bland killing machines, though this one features aggressive use of 3-D, with everything from race cars, tires and engines to nails from a nail gun, entrails and blood blasting off the screen into our laps. Blandly acted by players who seem resigned to the paycheck rather than terrified by the prospect of death or paralyzed by fear or even morbidly fascinated by their impending doom, this one is certainly worth a pass. Of the blasé cast, only Mykelti Williamson, as a security guard who accepts his fate with the help of his faith, and Nick Zano, playing a rude, crude and funny frat-boy jerk, stand out. ORLANDO SENTINEL

HALLOWEEN II (R, 101 minutes) Writer-director Rob Zombie's retooling of John Carpenter's 1981 film delivers that old slasher magic, replete with graphic gore unseen in the earlier movies. The old formula applies: We find qualmless, stabby serial killer Michael Myers alive (again) and on the loose (again) and willing to kill any baby sitter, beast or pedestrian he encounters in Haddonfield, Ill., on Halloween night. Generally, he stabs people. Throughout, Zombie introduces some Michael (Tyler Mane) backstory and far more blood than Carpenter could have dreamed of. Some films might be said to be mountain-shaped, escalating to a peak

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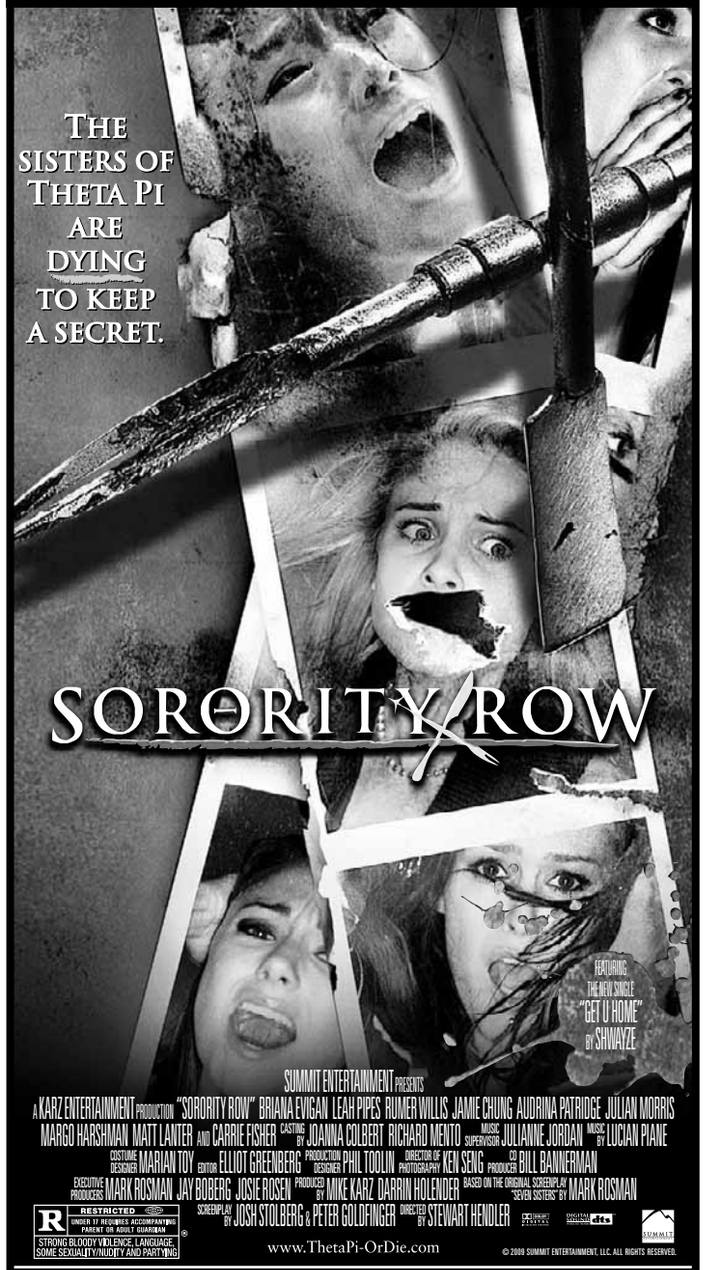

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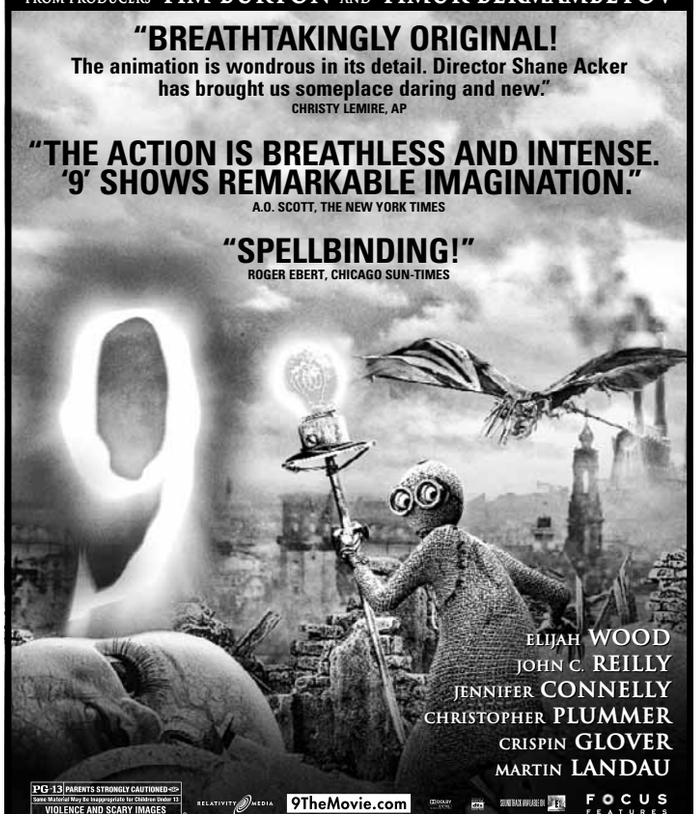

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before descending. Zombie's is more like a vast plateau — a plateau strewn with shards of glass. Which is to say that it's very effective at scaring the flipping flip out of you. RUTH MCCANN

HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE (PG, 153 minutes) Love potions, common-room snogging, adolescent heartbreak. It's hard to blame the film's screenwriter, Steve Kloves, or director, David Yates, for focusing on the romance. After all, as young-adult adventures go, the sixth book in the "Harry Potter" series is awfully light on the adventure. (DK)

THE HURT LOCKER (R, 130 minutes) Kathryn Bigelow's captivating, completely immersive action thriller is set in Iraq in 2004, but it transcends time and place, and in the process attains something universal and enduring. Viewers are plunged into the disorienting world of the soldiers who disarm what Americans have come to know as IEDs, or roadside bombs, neither of which does full justice to the carnage they inflict. (AH)

INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS (R, 151 minutes) Quentin Tarantino manages to simultaneously surprise and revert to form in this film. The surprise lies in his choice of period and subject matter. Set in France during World War II, the film tells the fictionalized story of a special squad of American Jews whose mission to kill and capture German soldiers was uniquely practical and symbolic. But from the admittedly breathtaking opening sequence, the film isn't about history or war — it's a movie about other movies. Brad Pitt stars as Lt. Aldo Raine, who early in the movie is shown assembling a group of Jewish soldiers whose mission is to do "one thing and one thing only: to kill Nazis." Pitt's character ends his speech by announcing that he's part Apache and as such will insist that each of his men — the titular IBs — owes him "one hunnert Nattzie scalps." Because it's Tarantino, viewers can rest assured that we'll see those scalps being taken. If only the Allies had Tarantino on their side, he could have made Hitler's head explode. (AH)

IT MIGHT GET LOUD (PG, 97 minutes) Jimmy Page, the Edge and Jack White, three of the more influential guitarists of several generations, start a little fire-by-fret during director Davis Guggenheim's film, which depicts wood, lacquer and hardware the way Hugh Hefner depicts Miss September. The documentary was conceived as a tribute to the electric guitar, easily the most important musical development of the rock era, maybe even the 20th century. The principals here, however — the elegant Page, the modest

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Edge and the cocky White — are strictly hands-on in achieving a singular sound that is, amid the clangor of mainstream musical traffic, distinctive and personal. Guggenheim, who won an Oscar for "An Inconvenient Truth," makes all this guitar/guitarist worship both cinematic and delicious. One needn't have a Stratocaster moldering in the closet at home to get a kick out of this film full of personality and charm and a charisma level that's set at around 11. (JA)

JULIE AND JULIA (PG, 118 minutes) Two movies battle for pride of place in Nora Ephron's adaptation of memoirs by blogger Julie Powell and culinary legend Julia Child. Either way, Powell's whiny, sad-sack self-absorption is no match for Child's spirit, strength of character and joie de vivre, a fact made painfully clear in a movie that soars whenever Child (Meryl Streep) is on the screen and sags when Powell shows up. (AH)

FIRST INDEPENDENT PICTURES

Patton Oswalt stars as a man who lives, eats and breathes the Giants in "Big Fan."

MY ONE AND ONLY (PG-13, 109 minutes) Call it a coming-of-rage summer saga, but without any sizzle. Set in the 1950s, it chronicles the cross-country trip taken by Upper West Sider Anne Deveraux (Renée Zellweger) when she finally leaves her womanizing, band-leader husband (Kevin Bacon) and takes her two teenage sons with her. She buys a Caddy and off they go, from city to city, seeking a new husband and daddy. Sons George (Logan Lerman) and Robbie (Mark Rendall) watch with eye-rolling dismay as Anne works her way through a collection of old flames and new prospects. Most turn out to be bums, heels, users or psychos. As George, the central character and narrator of the story, Lerman has the most believable presence in the picture. But he has to work with Rendall's one-note turn as his quippy gay brother, and Zellweger's off-note performance as a sort of Blanche DuBois of Manhattan. (DT)

THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE (PG-13, 90 minutes) Here's the thing about Vogue: You don't read it once. You read it as often as you please, cover to cover, including the ads, and you still don't learn the secret of fashion. And that's what director R.J. Cutler's Vogue documentary is like. It's delicious and ensnaring and easy on the eyes, but it can't give you the definitive truth about notoriously frosty Vogue editor Anna Wintour. Bypassing most of the big-time hustling-bustling Vogue activity, the film shows us Wintour in more revealing situations: among friends, or at least intimates. Of course, we want to know about Wintour (and what we learn is that she can reduce a room full of gents to near tears). An addictive, sly fox of a film, it proffers a clearer, though still inevitably obscured view of the massive Vogue world. RUTH MCCANN

SORORITY ROW (R, 101 minutes) Perhaps

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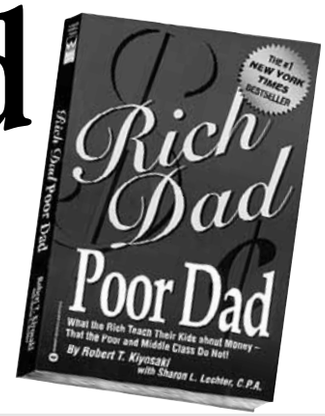

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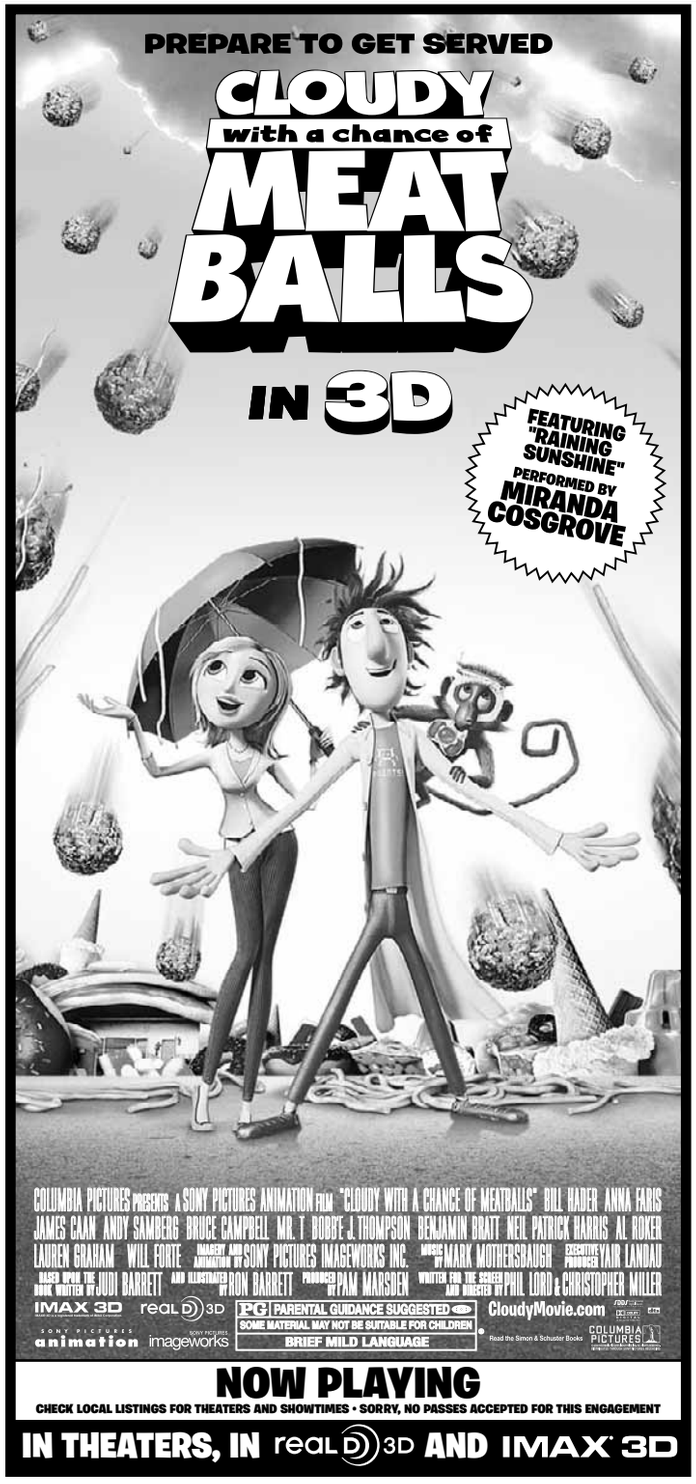
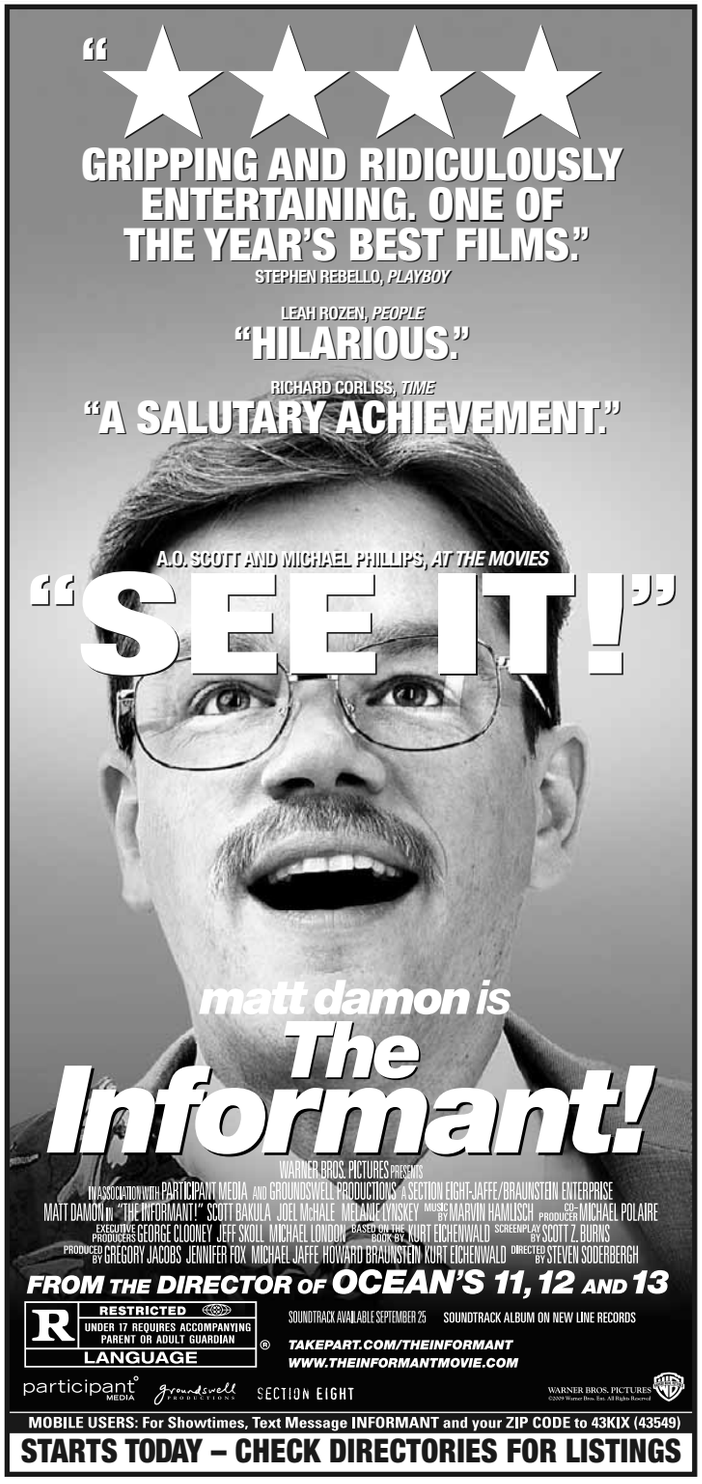
it's a sign of our ill-mannered times that a slasher film about the murder of sorority girls elicits no sympathy for them. The girls are mean, promiscuous and shallow. It begins when the girls play a prank on a guy. They let him think the sex-enhancing drug he had given to one of their sisters killed her. His panicked reaction soon turns her fake death real. They drop her body down a shaft and pledge secrecy. On graduation weekend, a slasher starts killing the Theta Pi girls and anyone who gets in the way. JANE HORWITZ

TAKING WOODSTOCK (R, 110 minutes) As Ang Lee's coming-of-age comedy set during 1969 opens, Elliot (Demetri Martin) is living with his elderly parents at their Catskills El Monaco Motel, which is on the brink of being taken over by the bank. A quiet, dutiful son, he cooks up ways to make something of the decrepit fleabag. When Elliot hears that a three-day music festival has had its permit denied by a nearby town, he contacts the promoter and makes the introduction to a farmer whose green, hilly property is deemed ideal for the event. The film steadfastly remains outside the main event and its familiar muddy scrum of hippies and hangers-on. Instead, Lee stays with the relatively straight-laced Elliot as he watches the world change outside his window. This quirky, self-effacing little comedy takes its place in Lee's American oeuvre with quiet ease. (AH)

PONYO (G, 100 minutes) Ponyo, a magical





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goldfish (voiced by Noah Cyrus, sister of Miley), is the daughter of Fujimoto (Liam Neeson), a god of the sea. On a trip to the surface, Ponyo encounters 5-year-old Sosuke (Frankie Jonas, younger brother of the musical Jonases), who is bereft when Fujimoto snatches his daughter back. When a determined Ponyo returns to Sosuke, waves inundate Sosuke's entire island. It isn't Miyazaki's greatest film, but this beautiful, quirky fable is a labor of love. (DK)

THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13, 107 minutes) In German director Robert Schwentke's adaptation of Audrey Niffenegger's novel, the lovely Rachel McAdams, as Clare, returns to the genre of her most-beloved movie, "The Notebook." Here, her true love, Henry (Eric Bana), is afflicted by a "rare" (i.e., ridiculous) genetic abnormality that causes him to abruptly leave the present tense for eras unknown, returning who knows when and in what kind of shape. It's the kind of mutant disorder that makes a committed relationship an impossibility: Tell him to take out the garbage and he ends up in the '60s. (JA)

WHITEOUT (R, 96 minutes) A chimpanzee could've finger-painted a better movie; a chimpanzee somewhere in the world probably has. Attention, chimpanzee: Send your finger-painted screenplay to Tom Skerritt. He'll sign on for it. He signed up for this film. Kate Beckinsale is Carrie Stetko, a U.S. marshal stationed in Antarctica. Skerritt plays the station's grizzled doctor, who everyone calls (wait for it) "Doc." Carrie and Doc are reaching the end of a two-year stint at the base, but plans change when a mangled, frozen body is discovered. The discovery of the corpse is the starting point for a bewildering meander underscored by Carrie's back story. (DZ)

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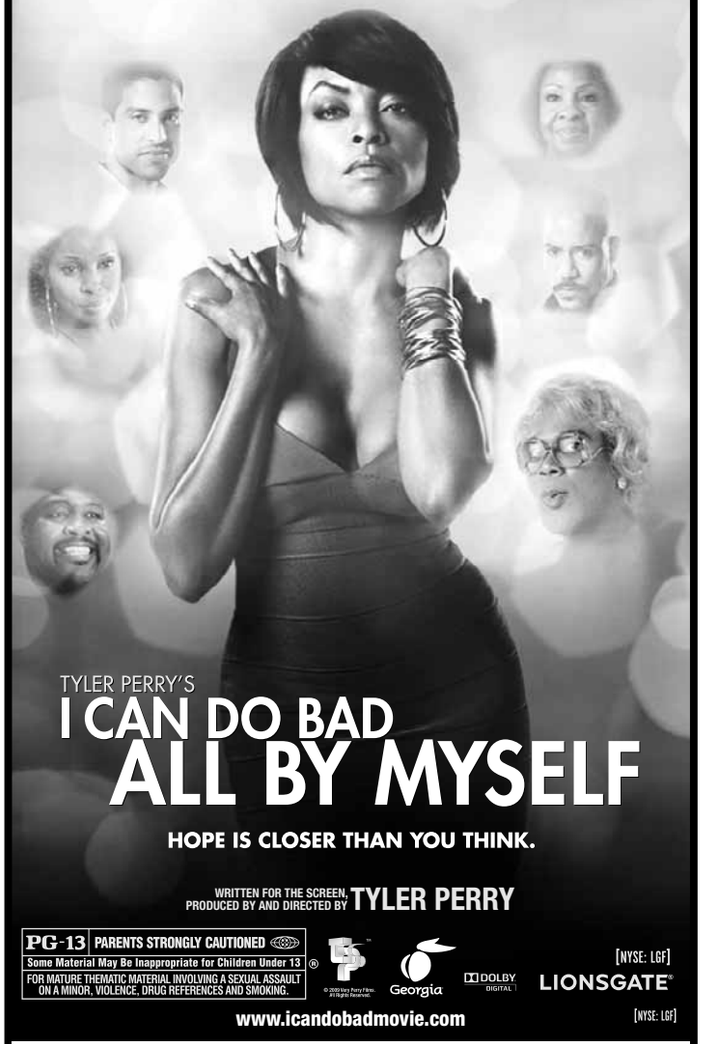

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1 Oh, Canada

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➜ *9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sat., 7:30 p.m., $18; 202-393-0930, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

top stops

Compiled by Express' Fiona Zublin and Sarah Mimms. Read more of their picks every day at **Expressnightout.com/topstops.**

2 Dear John: This is Awkward

Cara Ober is a Baltimore artist who has some interesting ideas about love. Her new solo show, "Love Letters," focuses on the sentimentality and quirkiness inherent to declarations of affection. It's also an exploration of romantic fantasy, but be prepared: that includes fantasies from Papa Smurf to Woody Allen to Mr. Rogers. Yes, you read that right — Papa Smurf. F.Z.

➜ *Civilian Art Projects, 406 Seventh St. NW; through Oct. 17, free; 202-347-0022, Civilianartprojects.com. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)*

3 Yes, Sir

First, we want you to imagine adorable British singer Lily Allen — her accent, her attitude, her beats. Now make her a man and add a touch of klezmer to her music. Now you have something close to Esser, a British musician who's mostly unknown in the States — but who won't be obscure for long. Catch him at the Rock and Roll Hotel on Saturday. F.Z.

➜ *Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NE; Sat., 10 p.m., $12-$14; 202-388-7625, Rockandrollhoteldc.com.*

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television lookout

Most Popular Host

Neil Patrick Harris is pumped for his Emmy gig this Sunday night

AWARDS | If only one awards show host at a time holds the "It" title, then the current darling is Neil Patrick Harris.

Harris entered the big leagues with this year's Tony Awards, using his musical theater skills and easy charm to win over the audience and critics. A phone call enlisting him as the host of Sunday's Emmy Awards (8 p.m., CBS) followed — which leaves a certain movie ceremony for the hat trick.

"Tonys, Emmys, and then there's only one thing left — the Telemundo Awards," quipped Harris.

Harris, 36, who gained teenage fame in "Doogie Howser, M.D." before moving onstage to "Rent" and other plays, stars in "How I Met Your Mother" and is a best-supporting-actor nominee for the CBS comedy.

Emmy executive producer Don Mischer says he has the right man for the job, one who will prove a graceful and funny host, and can be entertaining in "short pops."

Harris says his focus is less on himself as emcee and more on the ceremony. He asked to share producer duties for the 61st Annual Primetime Emmy Awards at the downtown Nokia Theatre.

"I didn't want to walk into a situation where I was handed a script not to my liking. I wanted the ability to have a say in the structuring and creation of the show," he said. "Maybe it's the wannabe director in me, but I was way more interested in how the show was structured and not as interested in how the host is doing." LYNN ELBER (AP)

PETER KRAMER/AP

If you're having an awards ceremony soon, Neil Patrick Harris is the must-have host.

weekend lineup

UPBEAT HOSTESS
Kathy Griffin hosts the **2009 CREATIVE ARTS EMMY AWARDS** (1 p.m., E!, Fri.).

QUE BUENO!
Eva Longoria Parker and George Lopez host the **2009 ALMA AWARDS** (8 p.m., ABC, Fri.), honoring achievements by Latinos in film, television, music and the arts.

ART ON THE ARTIST
GEORGIA O'KEEFFE (9 p.m., Lifetime, Sat.) is a cut above Lifetime's usual fare. For more, see Page 35.

SWEET MEMORIES
Viewers can catch the late Patrick Swayze as either a Catskills Rhumba king in **DIRTY DANCING** (8 p.m., Family, Sat.) or a bank-robbing Buddhist surfer in **POINT BREAK** (8:10 p.m., Encore, Sat.).

LET THE AWKWARD BEGIN
Larry David's **CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM** (9 p.m., HBO, Sun.) enters its seventh season.

FUNNY POTENTIAL
The series **BORED TO DEATH** (9:30 p.m., HBO, Sun.) premieres.

UNEXPECTED GUESTS
Sterling Cooper gets a surprise visitor on **MAD MEN** (10 p.m., AMC, Sun.).

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Zach Galifianakis and Jason Schwartzman star in HBO's "Bored to Death."

PRESENTERS **Talent Hog** Justin Timberlake plans to bring it on in Emmy-ville. The Grammy Award winner will present for the first time at this year's Emmys. Timberlake won a Creative Arts Emmy last weekend for his turn on "Saturday Night Live." He was the first "SNL" host ever to win in the category of guest actor in a comedy series, and its youngest winner yet. (AP)

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

NO 73%

YES 27%

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COMMENTER ENGLISH TEACHER

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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly sunny; warmer	Mainly clear	Partly sunny	Becoming cloudy	A thunderstorm	Thunderstorms
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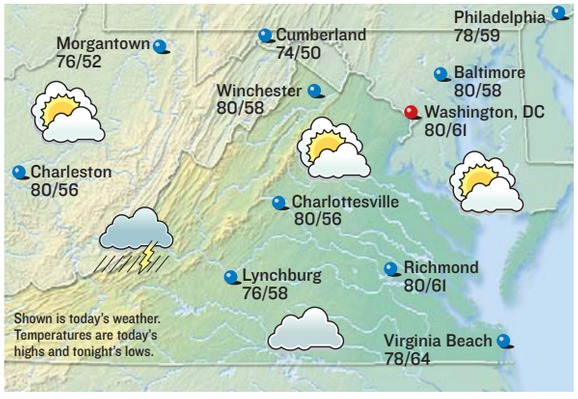
Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	67°
Low	64°
Normal high	79°
Normal low	62°
Average humidity	79%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.01"
Month to date	1.55"
Normal month to date	2.16"
Year to date	28.21"
Last year to date	37.66"
Normal year to date	28.42"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, warmer. High 80. Wind southwest 10-20 mph. Tonight, clear. Low 61. Wind north 7-14 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:52 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:12 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:39 a.m.
Moonset today	6:51 p.m.

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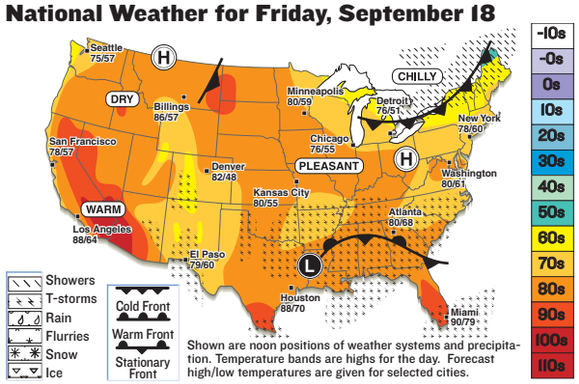
National Weather for Friday, September 18



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	80/68/r	83/68/r
Boston	76/51/pc	67/49/s
Chicago	76/55/s	73/53/pc
Dallas	81/66/c	86/66/pc
Denver	82/48/pc	82/51/s
Honolulu	89/76/s	88/75/s
Los Angeles	88/64/pc	84/64/s
Miami	90/79/t	91/78/t
New York City	78/60/pc	68/56/s
Orlando	90/76/t	90/74/t
Seattle	75/57/pc	67/51/r

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	66/52/pc	70/54/s
Athens	85/70/s	82/68/s
Berlin	72/50/s	74/54/s
Buenos Aires	61/46/r	63/39/pc
Calgary	75/46/s	74/39/c
Dublin	63/48/pc	64/48/pc
Geneva	72/56/pc	70/54/s
Moscow	54/37/sh	52/43/pc
Rome	77/59/s	81/63/t
Sydney	73/57/pc	80/51/s
Tokyo	77/66/sh	76/63/c

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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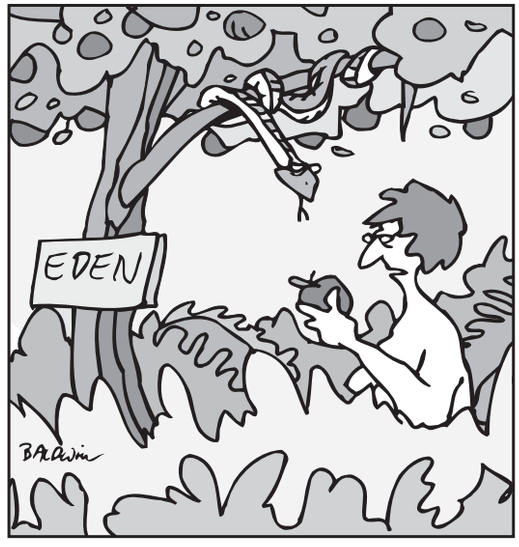
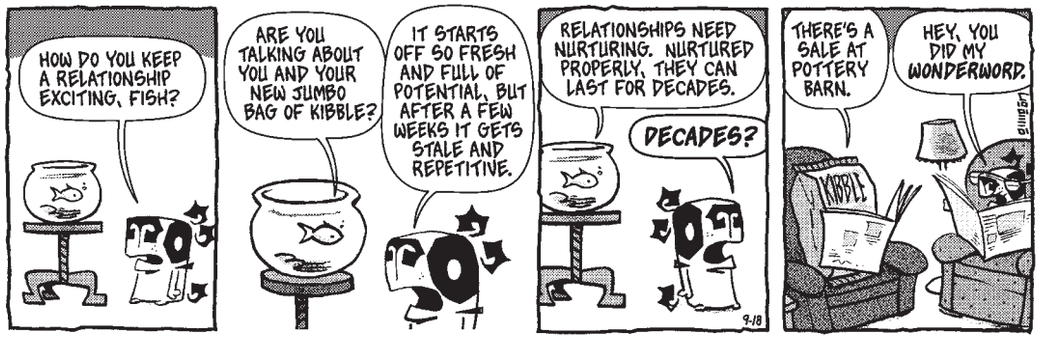


"Gosh, I dunno. You sure it's organic?"

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



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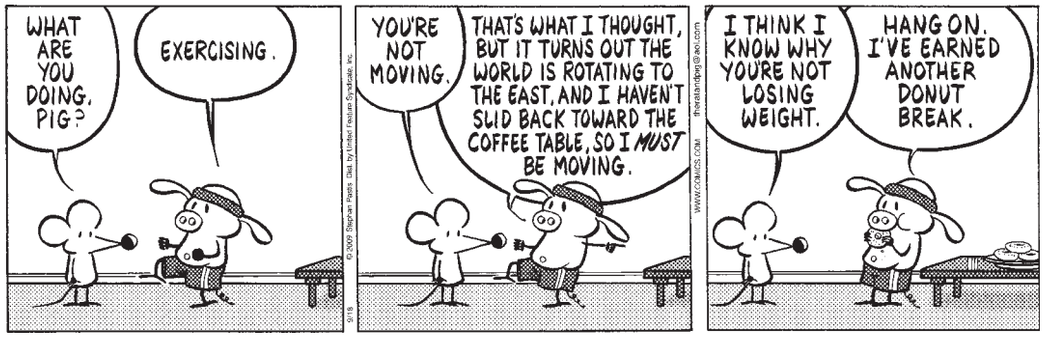

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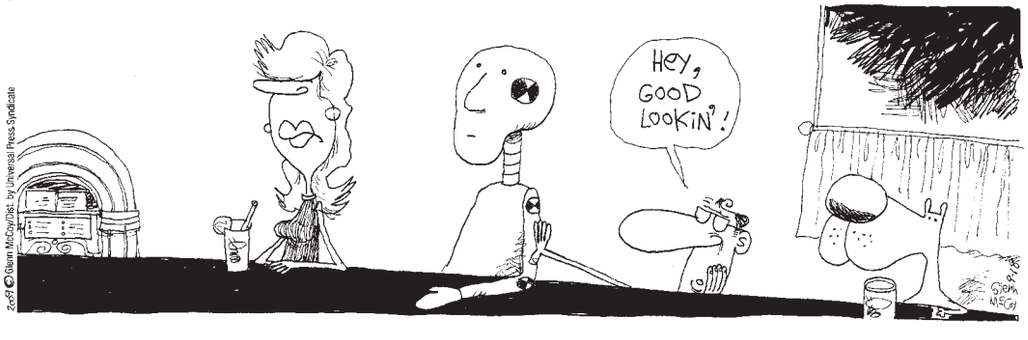

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're not going to want to waste time, even though the clock seems to be ticking in your favor. Better to have too much than too little.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone's likely to get quite a rise out of you simply by saying what is on his or her mind. You know it's true; that's the problem.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) It's important that you be where you say you'll be — and on time, ready to go. Don't make anyone else wait — for any reason.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You won't have a long time to get to know your new team. Trust the team, and yourself, to do what's necessary — and what's right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your day is likely to stop cold when someone throws a nasty curveball and you have to make all kinds of unexpected changes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Others seem to know what's going on better than you do — and, indeed, you feel as though you're bringing up the rear.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You're the star, whether you like it or not, and others are looking to you for guidance. You can be an example to all.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There's very likely a great deal going on that demands your attention, but you also need a little rest and relaxation. Get some.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You've been letting someone close to you call the shots, with excellent results. Today, however, you'll want to be controlling the game.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The more time you spend in another's shoes, the more likely you'll be to walk your own path in a productive fashion when the time comes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Learn by doing. You won't develop or progress at this time simply by standing on the sidelines. Get in the game.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The future has looked brighter, certainly, but there's no reason to think that a well-deserved reward isn't right around the corner.

Today in History

1793 George Washington lays the U.S. Capitol's cornerstone in Washington, D.C.

1850 U.S. Congress passes the Fugitive Slave Act, which allows slave owners to reclaim slaves who escaped to other states.

1851 The New York Times newspaper publishes its first issue.

1927 The Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System — later CBS — debuts in the United States with a network of 16 radio stations.

1975 Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is captured by the FBI in San Francisco, 19 months after being kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army and then becoming one of its members.

1983 British adventurer George Meegan finishes a six-year-long walk from the southernmost tip of South America to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, covering 19,021 miles.

2001 Letters postmarked in Trenton, N.J., that test positive for anthrax are sent to the New York Post and the NBC broadcasting network anchor Tom Brokaw.

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Symbionese Liberation Army member Patricia Hearst was captured in 1975.

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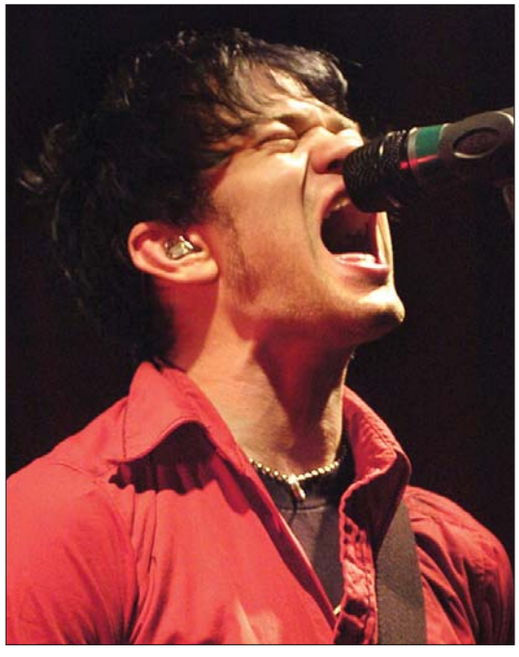

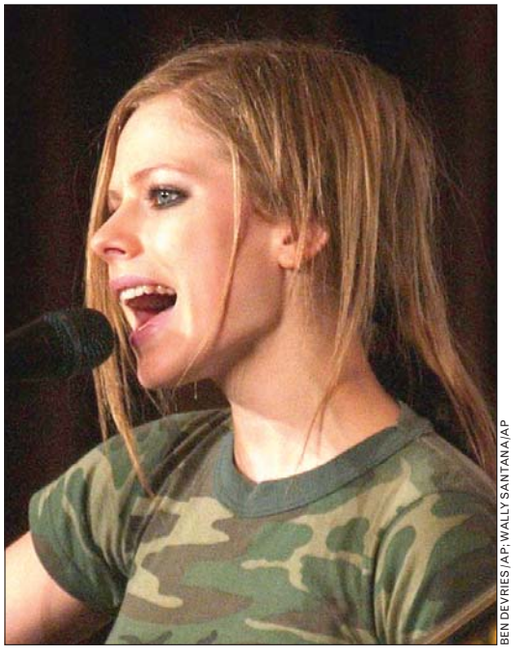

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COUPLES?

We Forgot She Was Married

Rumors are flying that **AVRIL LAVIGNE** and **DERYCK WHIBLEY** are getting a divorce. Usmagazine.com quoted a source saying "she dumped him and told him she was leaving him. She wants to move on. ... Divorce papers will be filed any day now." The two singers were married in July 2006. (EXPRESS)

FRAGRANCE

Smells Like An Erotic Clothing Catalog!

She didn't know "fierce" meant "bland, logoed."

Abercrombie & Fitch Co. has sued singer **BEYONCE KNOWLES**, saying her plan for a fragrance named after her alter ego, Sasha Fierce, violates the retailer's trademark. The chain, which has sold a men's fragrance called Fierce since 2002, wants a court to stop Knowles. Abercrombie has held a trademark for the word "fierce" since 2003. Fierce is the scent dispersed in Abercrombie stores, infusing all the apparel it sells. But in a statement released Wednesday, fragrance maker Coty said that neither the terms Fierce nor Sasha Fierce will be used for Knowles' fragrance. (AP)

CHEYENNE ELLIS/PMK-HBH/AP

Nayleigh is already tired of spelling her name for people, and she's not even I.

BABIES

10-Month-Old Infant Confused by New Name

KATHERINE HEIGL and her husband, Josh Kelley, have completed their adoption of a baby girl from Korea. The couple named the 10-month-old Nancy Leigh, after the actress' mother, Nancy, and her sister Margaret Leigh. The girl will go by Naleigh. The couple is posting photos of their daughter on Jasonheiglfoundation.org. (AP)

CAREERS

Singer Plans Ahead for When Indie Cred Runs Out

REGINA SPEKTOR is writing the music for a Broadway show. The singer-songwriter will collaborate on "Beauty," a contemporary retelling of the Grimm fairy tale "Sleeping Beauty." It's tentatively planned for the 2011-2012 Broadway season. Among Spektor's best-selling albums are "Begin to Hope" and the recently released "far." (AP)

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Regina Spektor is Broadway-bound.

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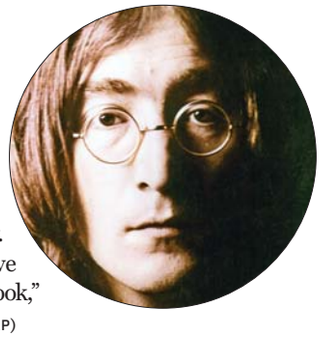
AUCTIONS

Magazine Signed by Jesus Worth More, Though



A 1966 magazine signed by **JOHN LENNON** containing his remark that the Beatles were more popular than Jesus has sold for $12,713. A New York City surgeon had the winning bid Thursday. Lennon signed "John C. Lennon" above his photo in the September 1966 "Datebook," even though his middle initial is W. (AP)

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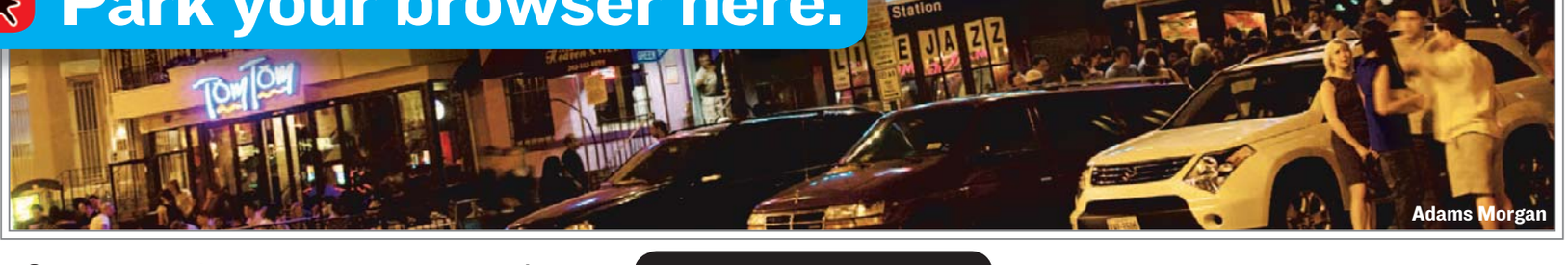

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5 Diploma earner, briefly
9 Castro's prop
14 Angle between a branch and stem
15 Actor's acquisition
16 Become a pair without an affair
17 1492 Atlantic crosser
18 Fiddler's place?
19 Abrupt transitions
20 Famous Puddleby-on-the-Marsh resident
23 Prince of the Middle East (var.)
24 "Once Upon a Mattress" legume
25 A mouse may move across one
27 '60s counterculture hallucinogenic
28 "Platoon" location, briefly
31 Eisenhower and Nixon biographer
34 "Cast Away" casualty
36 Dulls, as pain
37 Sleepover activity, perhaps
40 "Buns of ___"
42 Aerosol targets
43 Chrysler Building's style
46 "Not a Pretty Girl" singer DiFranco
47 Abyssinian or Siamese
50 Hawaiian memento
51 "... for what ___ worth"
53 Andretti of auto racing
55 Some may watch soaps
60 Handy to have around
61 Challenging to corner
62 Soul singer Redding
63 Smug winners do it
64 Bit attachment
65 Nota ___ (note well)
66 Matisse or Rousseau
67 Portico in Greek architecture
68 Units of work or energy

DOWN
1 "Messiah" composer
2 Universally accepted statements
3 Chopped finely
4 Send a thrill through
5 Angry dog's warning
6 Quarter acre
7 Knock for ___ (astonish)
8 Stop Spot's scratching
9 Welshman or Irishwoman
10 "Can ___ you in on a little secret?"
11 Football field feature
12 Play the peacemaker
13 Notes above dos
21 Redenbacher of popcorn fame
22 "___ the Walrus" (The Beatles)
26 ___ Moines, Iowa
29 Unfeathered wing?
30 "It's ___ Late" (Carole King classic)
32 Make filthy
33 Cheerleader's shouts
34 Like the Piper of Hamelin
35 Word with "faced" or "fisted"
37 Reason to gather signatures
38 They say "yes" to drugs
39 Atom with a charge
40 Paul's "Exodus" co-star
41 Bridge for a train
44 Org. with operatives
45 Bewhiskered creatures
47 Big depression
48 Helping
49 Horseshoe throws
52 Member of the quire?
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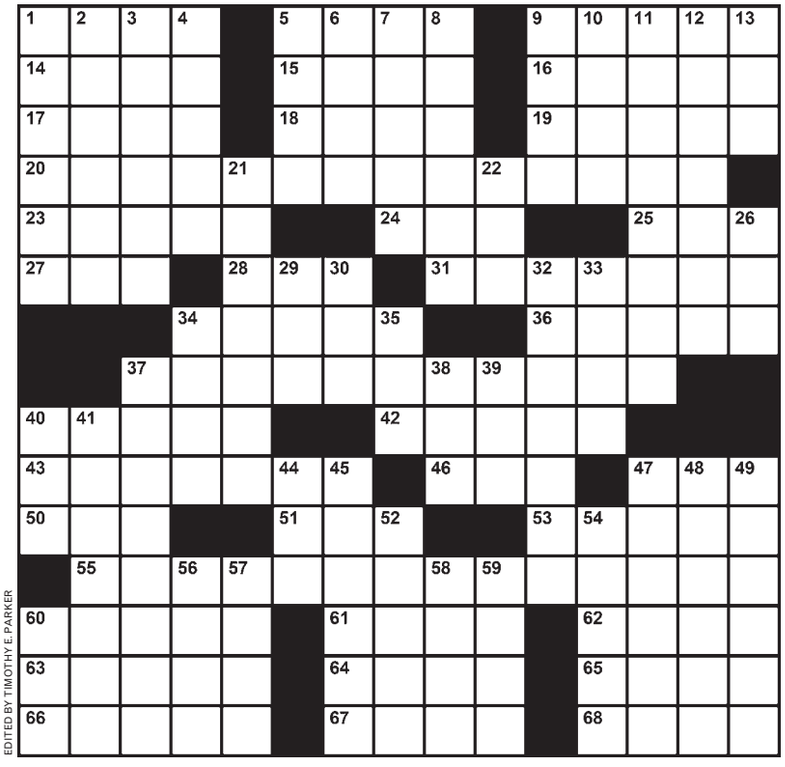
56 Wing-shaped
57 Creature of legend
58 Mishmash or medley
59 Mimicking bird of the starling family
60 "How repulsive!"



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Yesterday's Solution

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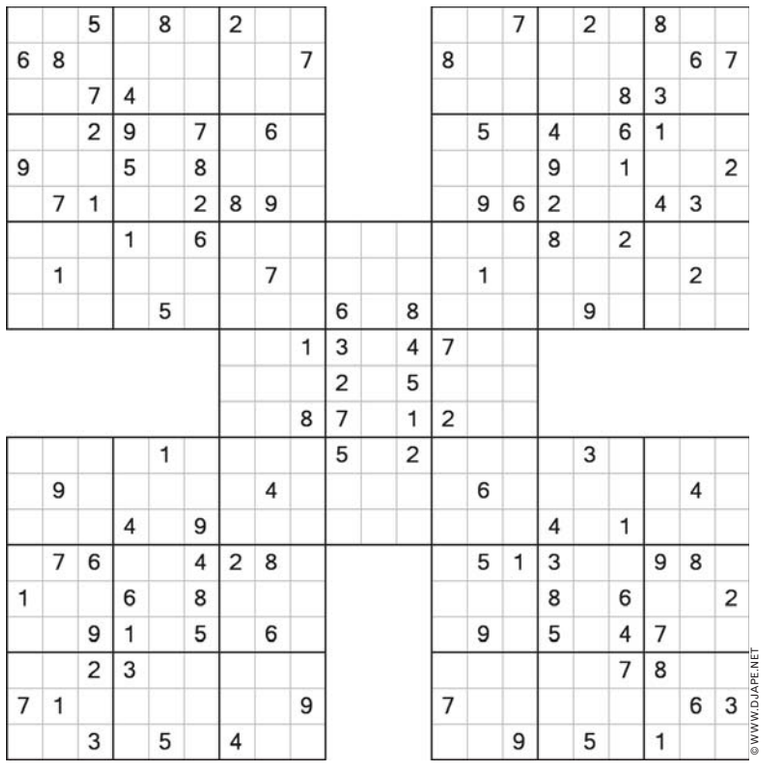
SAMURAI SUDOKU | HARD

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



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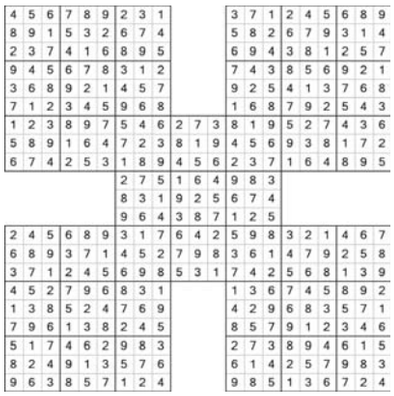

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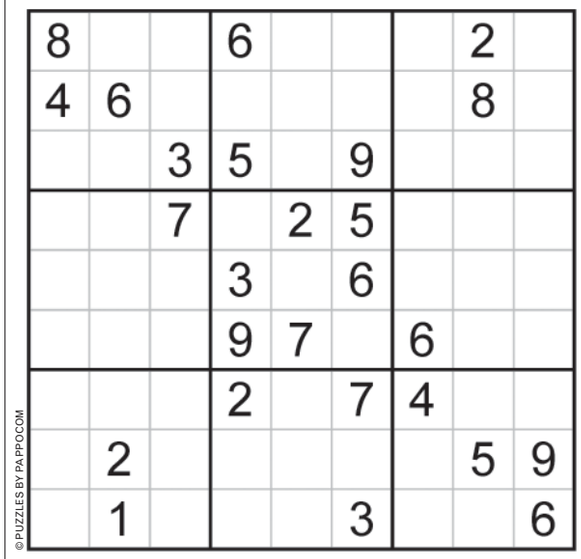

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Yesterday's Solution

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4	2	6	7	8	9	5	1	3
5	8	1	4	6	3	2	9	7
3	7	9	1	2	5	6	4	8
2	5	3	6	9	1	8	7	4
9	6	7	3	4	8	1	2	5
8	1	4	5	7	2	3	6	9

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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